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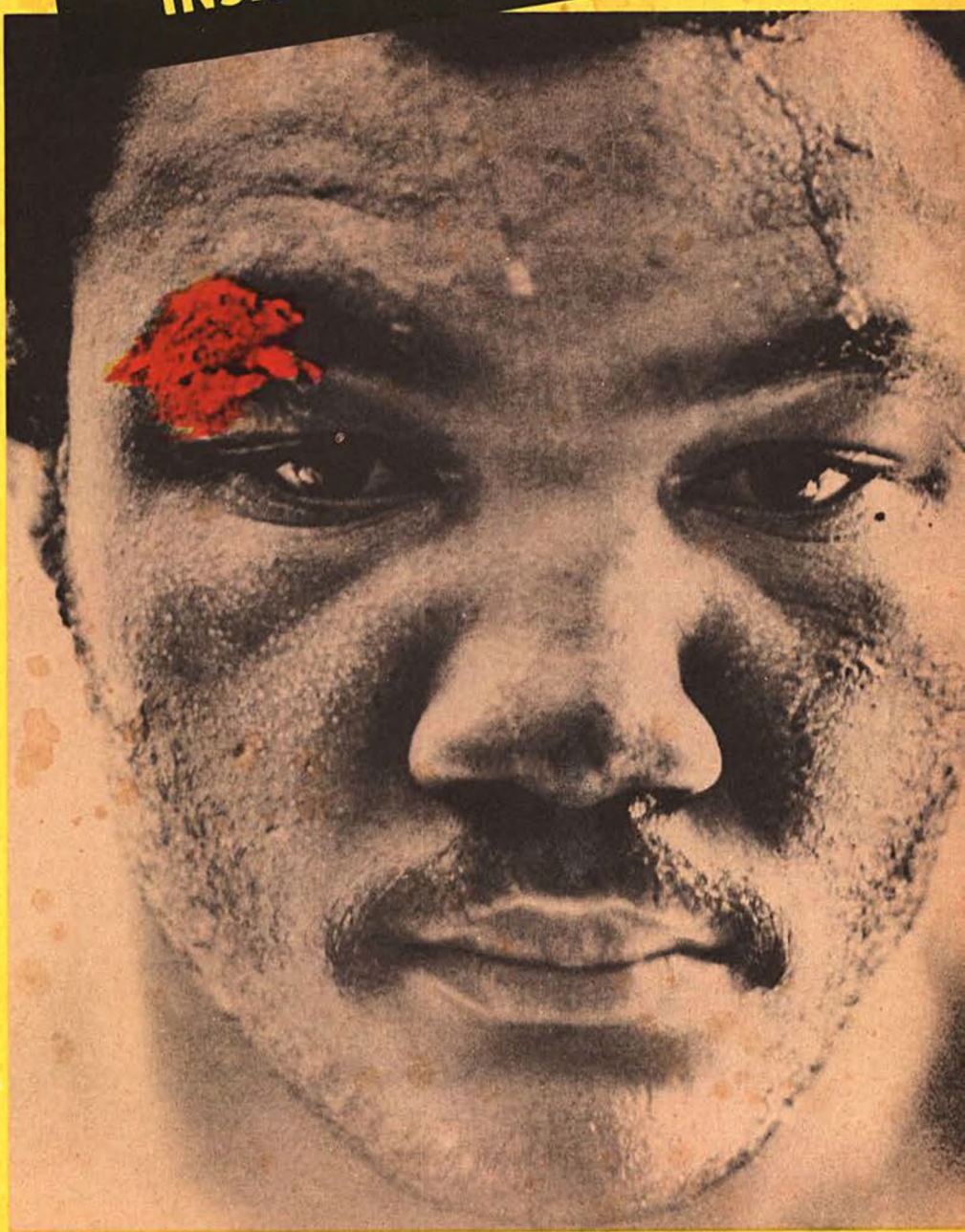

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AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

THE Battle of Zaire has triggered a lot of discussions and debates, not the least of which has to do with the old question as to whether the old time fighters were better than our modern technicians.

The Ring Magazine believes that the matter deserves more space and attention than can be given to it in the limited area of this editorial.

But The Ring is militant for the fighters of today.

It would be ridiculous to maintain that while stop watches and yard sticks prove that other sports measurable by these facilities are vastly improved, boxing has made no progress.

At a recent seminar in Madison Square Garden organized by the resourceful John F. X. Condon, a motion picture was shown with all heavyweight champions since John L. Sullivan in title-winning action. Sports writers and former heroes of the ring led by Gene Tunney, had a chance to study the old scrappers and the moderns and form interesting opinions.

A studious view of these movies told an interesting story, but not all of it.

Let me gather the arguments on each side of the debate. For the old timers:

1 — They trained harder than the moderns, working more ardently in gymnasiums.

2 — The old timers paid greater attention than the moderns to road work.

3 — The old timers did not set as fast a pace as the moderns because the championship distance was 25 rounds.

4 — The masters of yore knew a lot more about infighting than do the current stars.

It took boxing in the heavyweight class a long time to get rid of the vestiges of the old bare knuckle days. The knucklers delivered a punch and grabbed. A fight was more of a wrestling match than a punching duel.

Now let us summarize the standout points of modern boxing:

1 — Its pace is fast, title distance being 15 rounds.

2 — The moderns fight a cleaner battle because ringside doctors and referees have the power to stop a contest which has become a blood bath rather than a boxing engagement.

3 — The modern fighter uses combinations. The old style of fighting would not go with the current fans.

4 — The better class referees are more competent than the old timers were. Years ago there were a few top class referees like George Siler. Then, bad ones.

5 — The fight game of today is devoid of anti-black prejudices. Note the number of Negroes who have won the heavyweight championship since the days of Jack Johnson. The field is open, the entries are spectacular.

Time was when a Negro heavyweight had to make a deal if he wanted to fight a star white. Happily this situation has been eliminated.

This alone could be regarded as a vital factor in the betterment of boxing.

The Federal hounding of Johnson for an alleged morals crime could not be possible today. Jack got so tired of being chased that he virtually gave up in the title fight with Jess Willard in Havana.

I have listed the use of combinations as a big point in favor of the modern fighter.

The use of combinations on a big scale was introduced by lightweight champion Benny Leonard.

As a combination fighter Leonard established himself as having the edge of Joe Gans, rated by some of the older experts as the No. 1 lightweight of all time.

Your fighter of today in the great class is a splendid mechanic. But he is not so splendid that he cannot be better.

There are too many stiffs and so called trial horses. There are too many non-title fights, especially outside of the limits of the U.S.

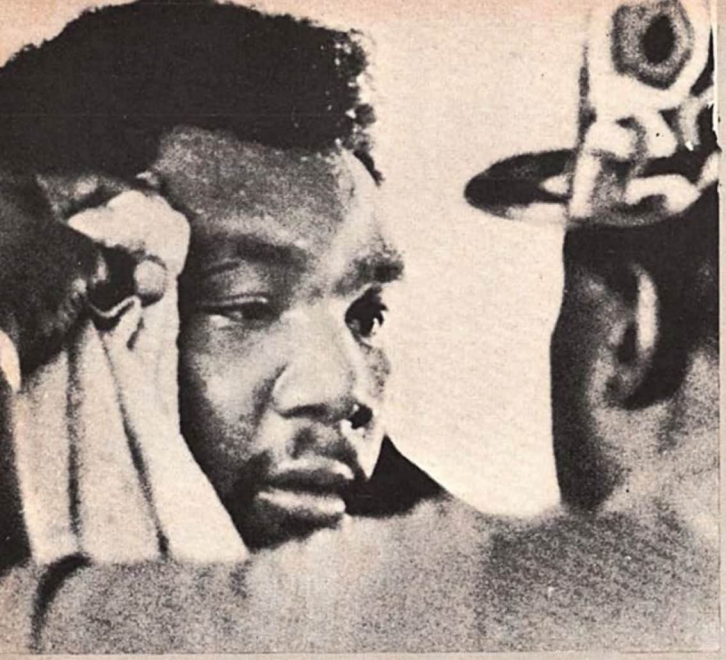
There are too many "robberies" perpetrated by referees and judges, many of them originating with politicians.

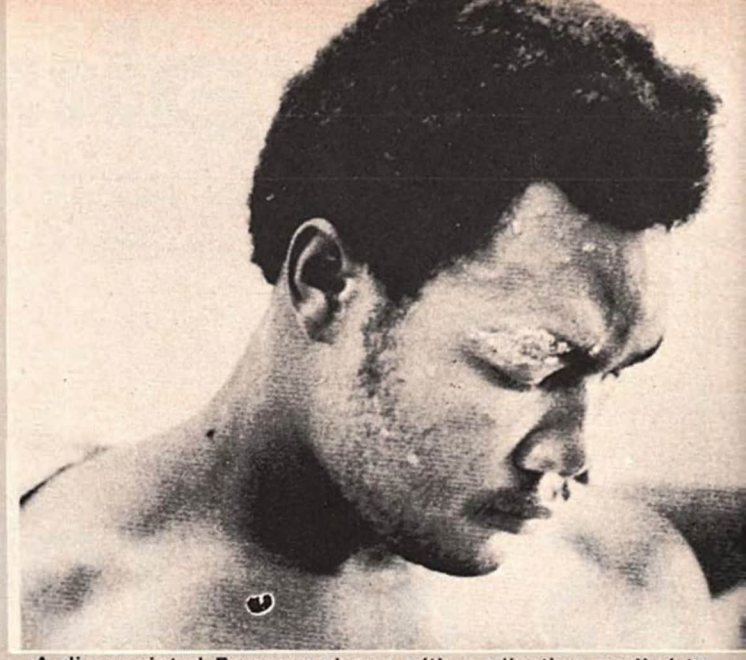
Let the better man win.

Let the commission government of the fight game be exercised honestly and rightfully.

Given these points and your debate about the old fighters and the present day scrappers collapses.

The pictures help a lot to confirm this.





A disappointed Foreman shown with medication applied to wound to stop the bleeding.

(Above) Trainer Dick Sadler inspects cut suffered by heavyweight king George Foreman which caused postponement of title bout against Muhammad Ali. (Below) Bill McMurray, the sparring partner who threw the punch that caused the cut over Foreman's eye, stands dejectedly after learning of postponement.

DID FIGHT GAME'S EVIL EYE HEX FOREMAN-ALI?

By NAT LOUBET

GEORGE Foreman, heavyweight champion of the world, at this moment in time fingers the cut between the eyelid and eyebrow of his right eye and contemplates his coming defense of his title fight against Muhammad Ali.

By George, he is not the only one doing a lot of contemplating about the fight that was scheduled for Kinshasa, Zaire, on September 25th.

As a matter of fact, the entire operation has caused nothing but contemplation from the moment of its inception to the present.

The elbow owned by Bill McMurray, Foreman's sparring partner and part time truck driver, could be one of the most expensive deliveries ever made. The cut induced by Bill, as he went about his chore of emulating the prancing tactics of Muhammad Ali, occurred as hundreds of members of the Fourth Estate were pouring into Kinshasa for the 3 a.m. operation that, according to Ali, was to sever Foreman from his title.

The writer, at the time of the accident to Foreman, was standing in the lobby of a hotel at Trier, Germany, after a jaunt that started with a cocktail party at J. F. Kennedy Airport and poured its way aboard an Icelandic aircraft. The destination, as we all know, was

Immediately after suffering injury, Foreman heads for dressing room holding a towel over his right eye.

After learning of postponement, Ali sits with his brother, Rahman, on steps of his villa at N'Sele.

Kinshasa, to bring to Ring readers a ringside report of the heavyweight title bout with all its sidelights. It was heralded to make between $30,000,000 and $50,000,000, depending on who was doing the estimating.

After a brief landing at Iceland, the DC-8 housing the members of the press who were to be paying guests of President Joseph Desire Mobutu, descended at Luxembourg.

The junket then was grouped aboard a bus that sped 42 kilometers across the German border to Trier. With his usual thoroughness, Murray Goodman, the public relations rep for Video Techniques, Inc., who was promoting the show, had arranged for a tour bus with a guide to make the journey more interesting.

The guide opened up his power supply as the bus moved off to announce that he was Swedish, not too well acquainted with either Luxembourg or Trier but he would do his best.

His best turned out not even to include the whereabouts of the "broads" for the benefit of the younger members of the group. (He called them "shakers.")

The trip to the Hotel Mariana at Trier was uneventful. After a hearty meal at the establishment, since the city of Trier was some two miles distant, the entourage gathered in the lobby to await the next day and the continuation of the flight to Zaire. The next leg of the trip was to be taken in the private plane of President Mobutu which was enroute from New York to Luxembourg. It was to stop in Belgium to load television equipment, and then, with the press aboard, was scheduled for a direct flight to Kinshasa.

At this point the press was as far from Kinshasa as they had been when they had left New York the previous night.

It was also at this point that a rumor reached us that Dick Young, on the scene in Kinshasa, had seen Foreman receive the now famous cut over his right eye.

Speculation was the order of the day. Murray Goldman began a series of phone calls to determine what the future held in store for the fight and the press.

Was the fight off? Was it postponed? Should we continue to Kinshasa or return to our home base, in my case, New York? Goodman, in the wee hours of the morning, confided that not until the following day would we know when the fight would be held although different views were coming to us. Henry Schwartz, the promoter, in New York, promised a definite answer by morning as did contacts in Kinshasa.

At this point one thing was definite: the bout was to be postponed from one week to as much as five.

Those of us conversant with ring injuries were sure that the bout would have to be held late in October in order to allow the wound sufficient time to heal.

There were those who pointed to the fact that Foreman was overweight and not in the condition that he should be at this time, a week before the scheduled fight on September 24.

There are those who are always sure that devious forces are at work and look to the worst in anything. These experts pointed to the ease of slitting the skin with a razor blade so that a sparring partner would open a cut during a training session. This view was expressed as though it were a reality.

The fact that each fighter was to receive some five million for his night's endeavors and that the problems involved in rearranging closed television commitments were monumental didn't seem to be considered by these self styled experts of chicanery.

At this time, Video Techniques, Inc., the promoters of the fight, announced that the fight was on for October 30th. The hustle of saving many of the revenue producing sites for the closed circuit was horrendous. Risnali, the Swiss investment house which has bankrolled the promoters to the tune of $10,500,000, and the $1,550,000 put up by Hemdale Leisure Corporation of England was, at this moment, in jeopardy.

Conveniently forgotten by those who like to look for unsavory motives is the fact that Zaire has a rainy season; that the fight is being held in an outdoor arena; that the wet season in Zaire begins late in September and by October is of monsoon proportions.

The fight of the century, as it is billed, may still have to be transplanted if it is to take place at this time. Houston, Texas; Las Vegas, Nevada; Madison Square Garden, New York, have been mentioned if the fight venue needs to be changed.

By the time this article is in print all of this conjecture will be academic but for the record it is necessary for The Bible of Boxing to cover the situation as it occurred up to the fight when and where it occurs as well as the event itself. Needless to state that the writer is back in his New York office pounding out this log of travel and mental exercise.

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ALI'S FAREWELL MEANS RESHAPING OF HEAVYWEIGHTS

Joe Bugner of England, the European heavyweight champion, ponders things. Joe is tough to rate. Sometimes he's very good, other times he's not.

By DAN DANIEL

WHEN the Foreman-Ali match first was proposed, Don King peddled his goods like a fishmonger with his finny wares.

The trouble was that Video Techniques, which had the fight in hand, had tied itself into what looked like a deadly financial tangle by promising the world champion and Muhammad $5,000,000 each.

The guarantees were without precedent and they chased all recognized promoters out of the bidding.

Now, on the wings of dastardly inflation, there is a different attitude toward Foreman and Ali as fistic material.

With theatre television as the convincing force, promoters who had regarded Don's offering unacceptable no longer are frightened away.

In fact, when Foreman's eye was cut and there appeared to be a chance for a quick change of venue, Las Vegas and Houston jumped into the bidding and New York was reported to be interested in a Madison Square Garden partnership basis with Jack Kent Cooke, who had made the first Frazier-Ali battle possible with money guarantees of something like four million.

The fact is that the Foreman-Ali promoters were carried away by their enthusiasm for a Zaire all-black fiesta at the unearthly hour of three in the morning.

Heavyweight king George Foreman skips rope in order to reduce his obvious paunch.

Ex-champion Joe Frazier, shown here buckling Jerry Quarry's knees, says he and Ron Lyle are logical contenders after seeing the latter box.

It now appears that the logical site for the fight would have been Las Vegas, with its seemingly unlimited money resources and its close proximity to the big cities not only of the United States but of the world.

Be all that as it may, there is a reassessment of the material on hand in the heavyweight division.

The demand for fights between big men is stressed by the fact that Chuck Wepner, a rather recent addition to the heavyweight ratings, is being mentioned as a likely factor in promoters' plans.

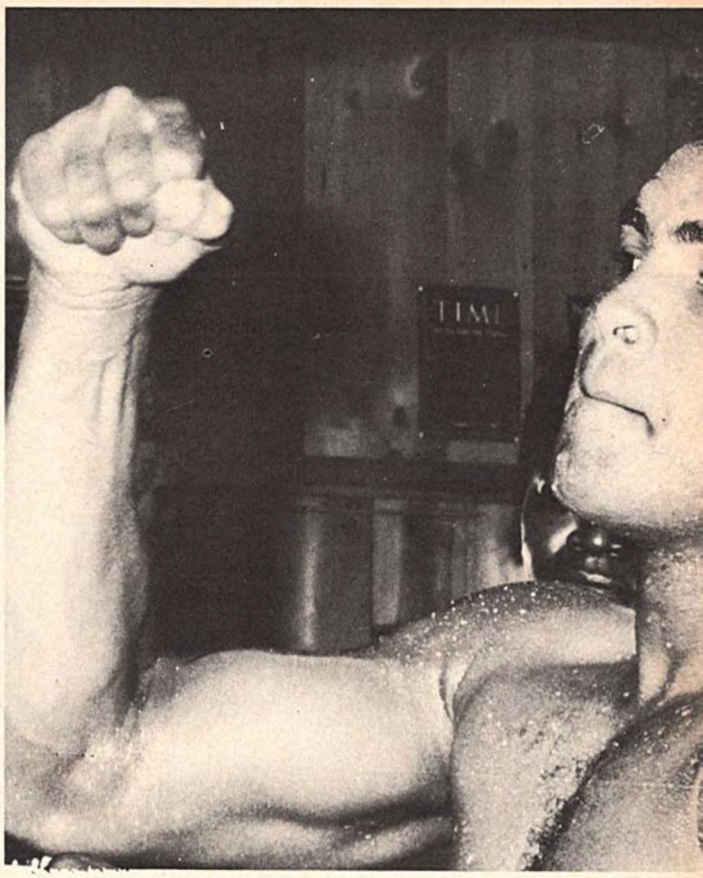
This is the Wepner who was trounced in Jersey City by Sonny Liston in June, 1970, in Liston's next to last fight.

This is the Wepner whose victory over Ernie Terrell, by decision of referee Harold Valan, was doubted. Not long thereafter Terrell was barred from appearing again in a New York ring.

There is no provision in the contract between Foreman and Ali for a continuance of hostilities.

A provision for a rematch would not be illegal as the agreement was not signed in New York. But it appears that there has been trouble aplenty about one fight without giving thought to another between George and Ali.

Another late entry in the heavyweight stakes is Ron Lyle. At the Seattle ringside recently, when Lyle stopped Boone Kirkman, was Joe Frazier.



If and when Muhammad Ali Cassius Clay quits the ring, he will definitely be missed.

After watching Lyle in operation for eight rounds, Frazier said that he believed Ron to be eligible for a fight with himself.

This pushes Lyle up the heavyweight ladder quite a way. Or is Joe suggesting some work for himself of a fair to middling nature?

In any event, Lyle appears to be ready for promotion into the big money ranks.

Certain interests are watching developments in Washington in the undoubted movement to heal the breach between the U.S. and Cuba.

There are agents in Havana who are ready, within minutes after a fresh understanding is reached between Castro and our Congress, to make offers to Theofilo Stevenson, who is rated the No. 1 amateur heavyweight of the world, and pro material.

Stevenson has been offered more than a million to establish himself in the United States and go into the heavyweight battling. But he is a confirmed adherent of the Communist cause and has said that no amount of money would persuade him to get out of Cuba and become a fighting millionaire. His opinion of his fistic capabilities is high. He has been beaten only once, by a Russian.

According to the experts, the Bobick brothers, Duane and Rodney, deserve to be watched. Who is the better fighter is an open question.

Since Rod slimmed down some 25 pounds he has been rated at least as promising as his brother.

Bobick has signed with the Denver interests who are behind Lyle. Bobick has been fed the kind of opposition usually fed to a developing heavy and no less a picker than Angie Dundee has called him a genuine comer.

Over in England there is the European champion, Hungarian-born Joe Bugner. He has fought the best.

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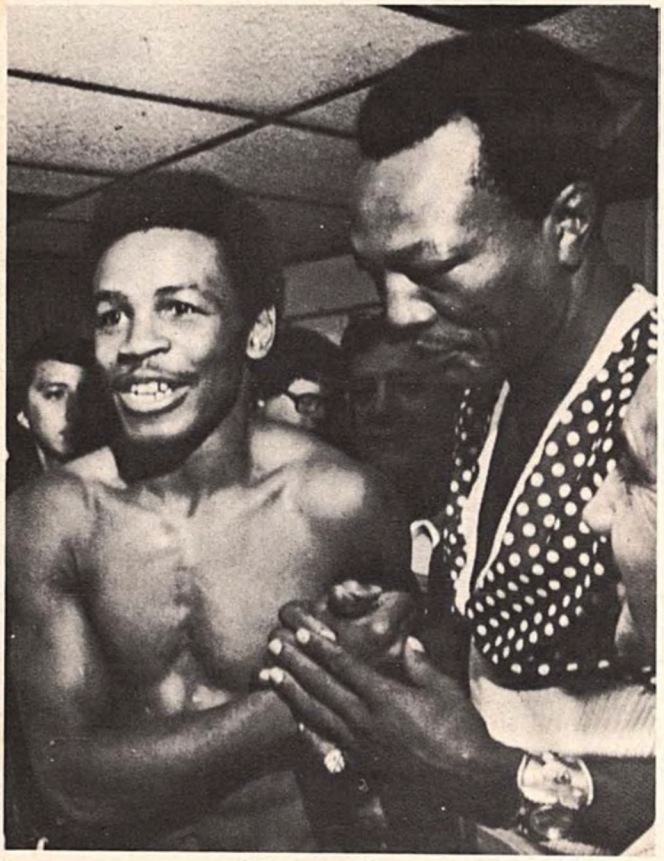

(Left) Newly retired light heavyweight king Bob Foster (right) examines the fist of welterweight Hedgemon Lewis before the latter went out to lose to Jose Napoles in a title match. (Right) Foster, in his fighting pose.

Foster Retires, Protests Against WBA-WBC Squabble

By DAN DANIEL

AFTER having defended the light heavyweight championship of the world no fewer than 14 times, Bob Foster has announced his retirement from the ring. He is either 32 or 34 years of age, take your pick. He was born in Albuquerque, N.M., where he now lives and where he is going to seek the job of sheriff in the November elections.

Bob's retirement is a tipoff on what he thought of himself in his only 1974 fight, his 15-round draw with Argentinian Jorge Ahumada. The South American won the fight and the title but he did not get the decision in a contest in which Foster was away off form.

This was not the Foster who, in May, 1969, took the light heavy championship from Dick Tiger by KO in the fourth round in New York.

In announcing his retirement, Foster said that he had become tired of being a shuttlecock in the brawling between the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council.

He said that he felt that a fighter who had proved his skill and honesty in 58 bouts was entitled to the dignity of his position and his laureld and had to be free from the ridiculous game of battledore between two would be governing groups.

Foster retired with a comfortable fortune, said to be close to a million.

For a long time Bob could not cash in on the title. Then the light heavy class began to gain in public esteem and the money poured in.

Foster became a pro in March, 1961, and established a high reputation as a knockout artist, except when he tried for the heavyweight title. In his bouts with Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier, he was stopped.

In his 59 fights Foster scored 42 knockouts. He got 9 decisions. His draw with Ahumada was the only one of his career.

In retiring, Foster gave up a $200,000 match. It was to take place in Madison Square Garden against the Argentine's standout contender, Victor Galindez.

Victor is regarded as the most likely light heavy to achieve the title in Foster's place.

Lou Viscusi, Foster's manager, tried his best to talk Foster into clambering through the ropes just one more time but Bob must have been firmly convinced that he had had it and refused the match. All the more credit to Bob Foster, a great champion and an honest one.

For many years, the light heavyweight title made little money for its possessors. It was a synthetic championship, to begin with.

In 1903 Lou Houseman, a Chicago fight writer and manager, found himself unable to get any work for Jack Root, who was too light to fight in the heavyweight division.

He thought up the light heavy division, and got a valuable assist from Jim Jeffries' retirement as heavyweight champion in 1905.

Jeff reportedly gave his blessing to a fight for the open title between Root and Marvin Hart. Hart won.

Thus got started the string of events which resulted in the championship landing in the possession of Tommy Burns and through him, Jack Johnson.

The current situation in the light heavyweight class plays up the remarkable

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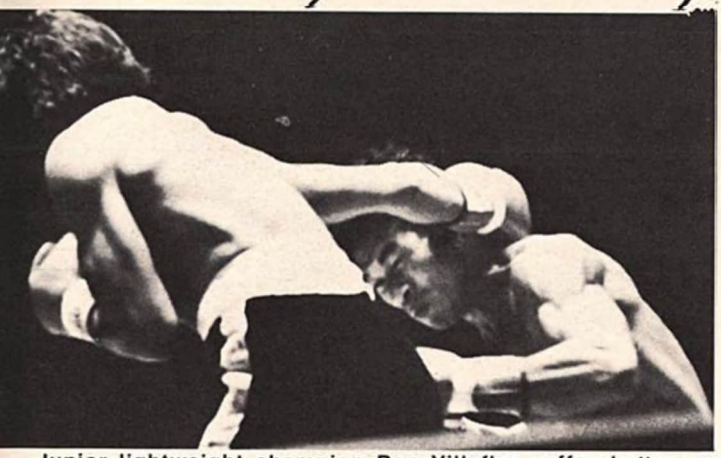
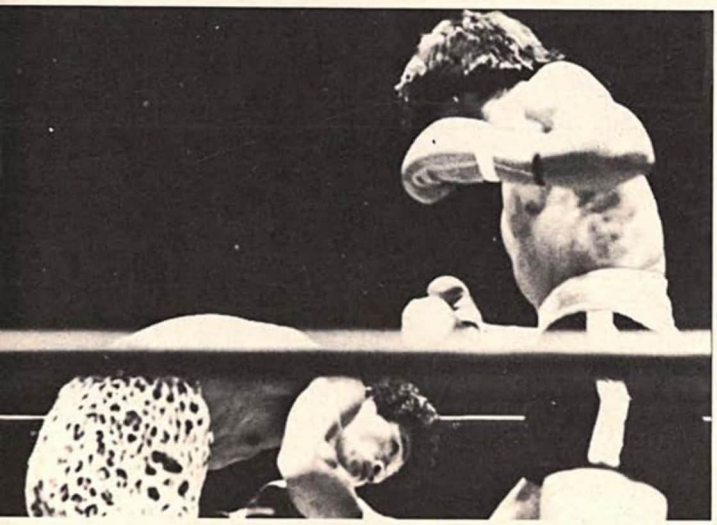
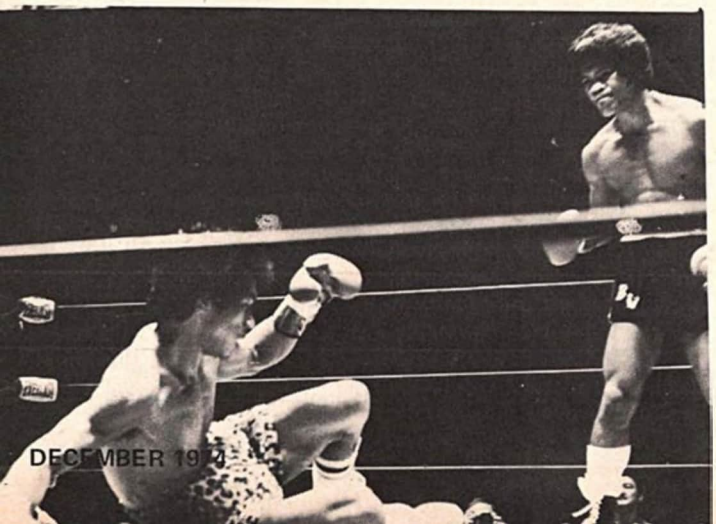
VILLAFLOR, DURAN, LYLE WIN; SUZUKI, PINEDA DRAW

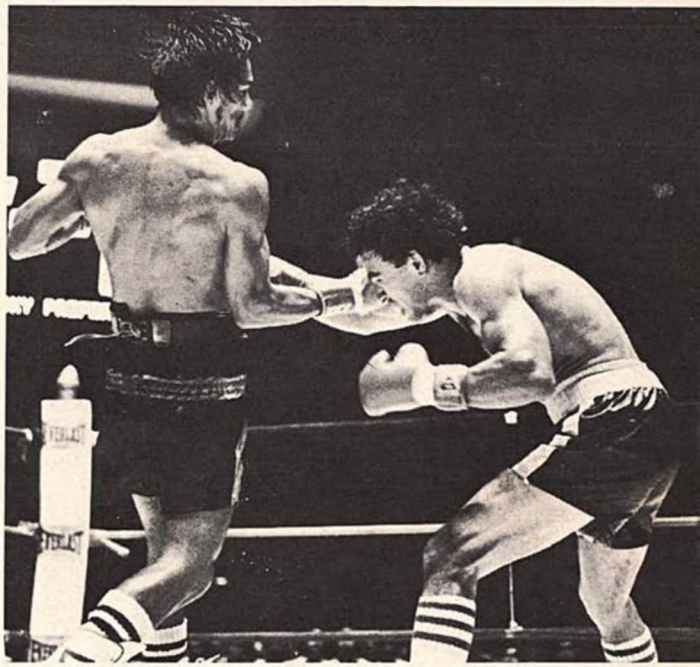


Junior lightweight champion Ben Villaflor cuffs challenger Yasutsune Uehara with a right during their title contest in Honolulu.



(Above) We see that the titleholder has connected with a right and the Japanese boxer is in trouble. (Below) Uehara is on the floor, being counted out at 1:17 of the second round, while a happy Villaflor watches.





Lightweight king Roberto Duran connects with a hard right to the head of Hector Matta during their non-title engagement at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

By TED YAMACHIKA

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Ben Villaflor, 129¾, Philippines, successfully defended his junior lightweight crown by chilling Yasutsune Uehara, 129½, Okinawa, in 1:17 of the second round.

The championship fight was scheduled for 15 rounds and was held at the Honolulu International Center arena.

For Villaflor, who had regained the title from Kuniaki Shibata in a Honolulu bout in 1973, this was his second title fight for this year. On Mar. 14th he fought Apollo Yoshio to a 15-round draw in Toyama City, Japan.

There was a rumor going on before the fight that Villaflor was not in the right frame of mind and also not training properly.

However as soon as the fight started Villaflor showed all the skeptics that he was in the best shape of his career. He took charge immediately and completely dominated the action for the short time it lasted, so much so that the fight seemed like a very bad mismatch.

He scored three knockdowns in all, the first coming near the end of the first round. The second round saw Villaflor continue the slaughter as he kept landing solid punches with both hands. Uehara went down two more times and that was the fight.

Uehara, who was fighting in only his 12th fight, showed his inexperience by trying to slug with the champion. And he and his handlers should have known better as he had been Villaflor's sparring partner a couple years ago. Perhaps they had believed the rumor about the champion. Whatever it was, it could be said that Uehara fought exactly the way Villaflor wanted it.

Mike Weaver, 195¾, Pomona, Calif., outpointed Mani Vaka, 206, Tonga, in ten rounds.

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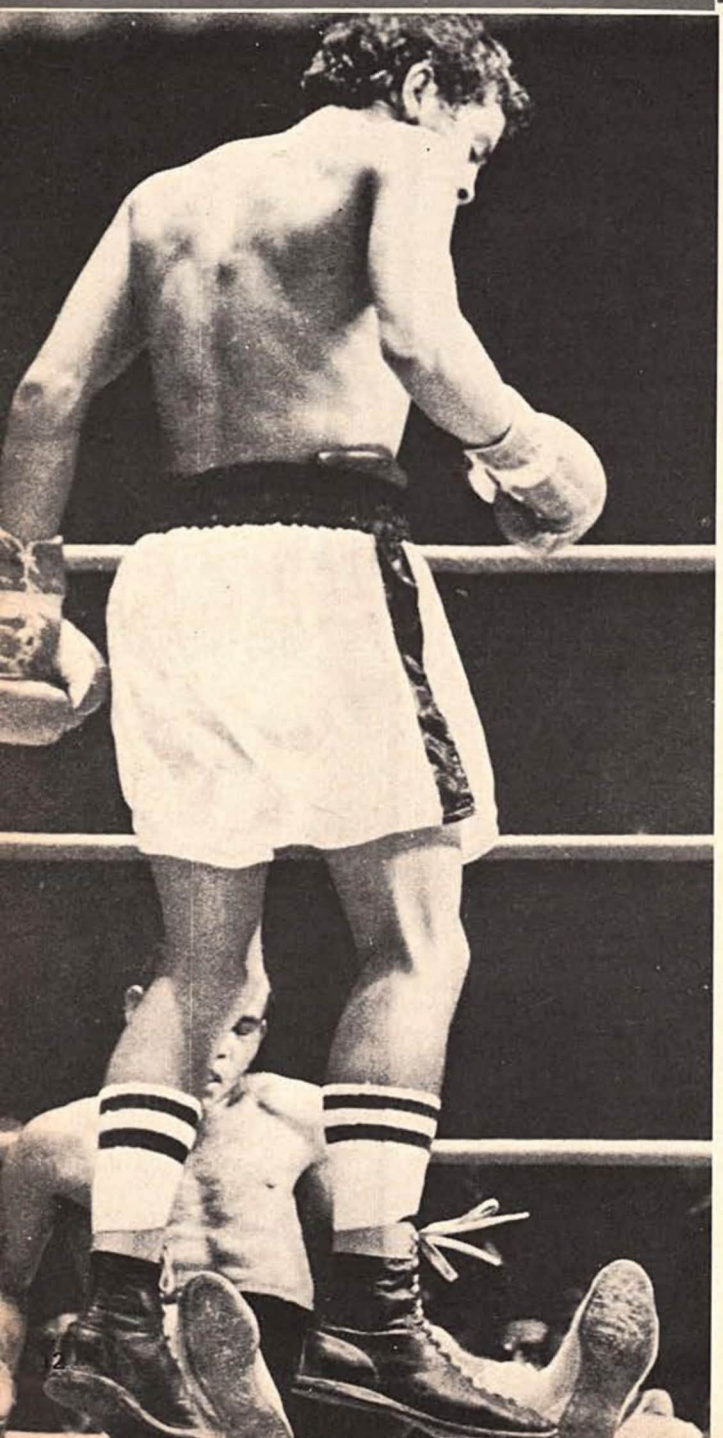
Chacon's KO Of Marcano Sets Up Bout With Olivares

Marcano (left) and Chacon mix it up in the early going as referee Rey Solis watches very intently.



Bobby Chacon stands over Alfredo Marcano, whom he has just stopped in the ninth round of their contest in Los Angeles.

By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES — Bobby Chacon is top world title contender after only 26 pro bouts. The youngster from the San Fernando Valley turned 27-year-old Alfredo Marcano, of Venezuela, into an old man with a jarring right uppercut to capture the World Boxing Council's version of the featherweight championship. Bobby should meet Ruben Olivares, the WBA titlist, to determine a clearcut champion.

The end came after 2:18 of the ninth round at the Olympic Auditorium.

Chacon, slightly ahead on the scorecards of the three officials, caught Marcano with a perfect punch to send him to the floor. Marcano fell back on his buttocks, then struggled to regain his feet.

The South American did beat the count, but Mexican referee Ray Solis signaled the finish before Bobby could toss another punch.

''His eyes were glazed'', said Solis.

Marcano called the devastating uppercut a ''lucky punch''.

The 22-year-old Chacon, a slight betting favorite and the crowd's favorite, was happy when Solis waved Marcano out of action.

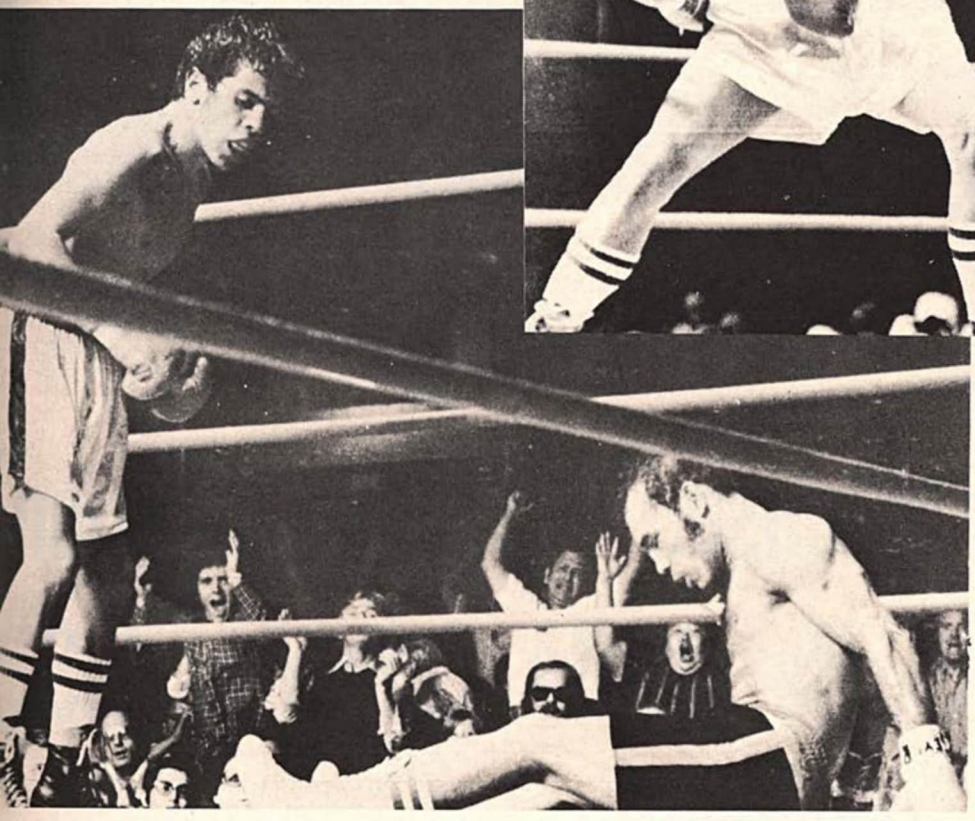
''I was praying, 'Stay down, stay down,' Bobby said. ''He was the toughest I ever fought. He hurt me in the sixth with a body shot and again in the seventh with a punch to the head''.

Chacon got off to a fine start, flicking jabs and avoiding Marcano's heavy punches in the early rounds. Bobby had no trouble landing with right hand leads and kept the former junior lightweight champion off balance.

It wasn't till the sixth round that Marcano was able

Chacon ducks away from a hard right thrown by Chacon.

Here's another shot of the ending, which occurred at 2:13 of the ninth round.



to start landing some telltale wallops. Alfredo's best round was the seventh, when he fired a short right to the chin that stopped Chacon in his tracks.

Bobby, who owns a small ranch in Sylmar, took the eighth frame, then found the mark in the ninth.

The officials had Chacon winning by the following margins:

Referee Solis, 78-77; judge Dick Young, 78-75; and judge Ysidro Rodriguez, imported from Venezuela, 78-76.

Each fighter weighed 125½. The crowd was 6,414 and the gate was $87,775. Both were guaranteed purses of $20,000.

Chacon's record is now 25-1 with 23 knockouts. His lone loss was by knockout to Olivares, the WBA featherweight chieftain.

The next opponent for Chacon is expected to be Danny Lopez, whom he has already knocked out. It should be Olivares.

Argentine heavyweight Pedro Lovell, 204, recorded his 14th knockout win, by disposing of Buffalo's Tony Ventura, 209, after 2:13 of the first round.

Ventura was never in the battle and was on the floor four times before referee John Thomas ended matters.

In a four rounder, Ruffino Hernandez, 119, Mexico, decisioned Mario Rogelio, 118, Los Angeles.

▲**New York, N.Y.** — The Ring Magazine has been holding the featherweight championship open with the expectation of obtaining a possible titleholder in Bobby Chacon or Ruben Olivares.

The Ring does not regard Chacon or Olivares as having a clear right to the title and believes that they should meet in the near future.

Chacon has only one defeat charged to him, it was hung on him by Olivares, who was in the finest shape of his career. It is no secret that Ruben does not like to train.

Olivares blasted Chacon in nine rounds on June 23, 1973. There was no doubt that night that Olivares was the better man. Ruben was the more experienced.

Talk of a Chacon-Lopez fight is out of order, but a promising source of much money for both fighters who have their special followings in Los Angeles. Not that Olivares would not pack them in.

However, the Chacon-Marcano fight was quite a disappointment at the gate, with only 6,414.

(Left) Wilfredo Gomez of Puerto socres a knockout over Cuba's Jorge L. Romero to take the bantamweight gold medal. (Above) Gomez (left) and fellow Puerto Rican Jose L. Vellon, a lightweight bronze medal winner, happily compare awards.

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

Stevenson No Phenomenon As He Beats Stinson, U.S., In Havana Internationals

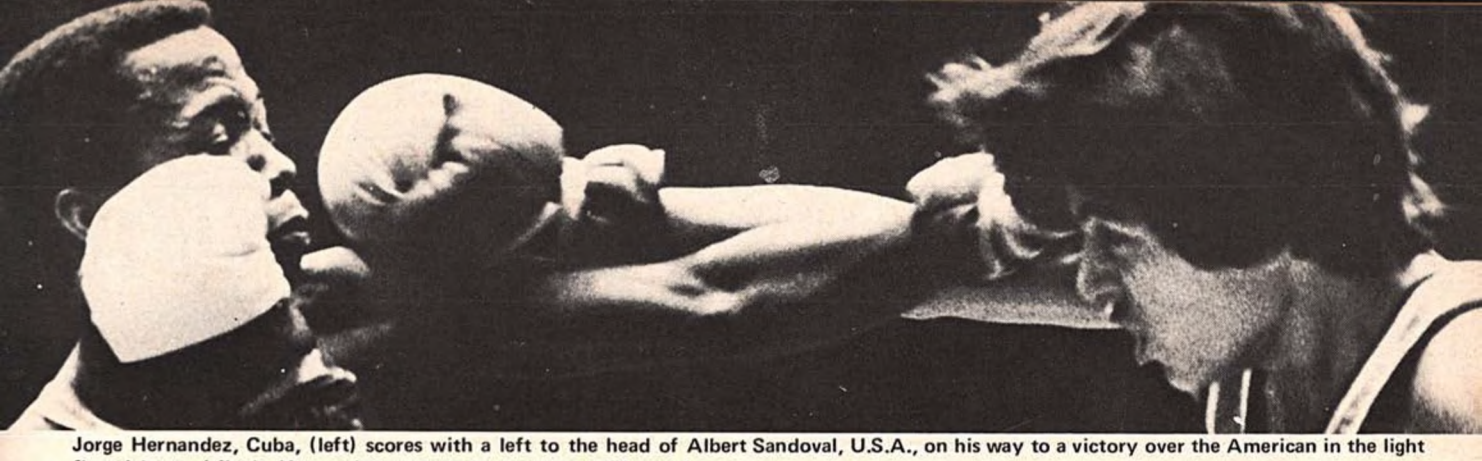
HAVANA, CUBA — With 45 participating countries, the first World Amateur Championships proved to be a resounding success in every aspect. However the amateur boxing-oriented Socialist countries walked off with most of the glory by taking eight of the 11 gold medals, leaving only one for the U.S.A., one for Uganda and one for Puerto Rico.

Cuba's well trained and heavily experienced team copped five titles, Russia two and Yugoslavia one.

Here is a breakdown of medal winners and the total points by countries:

COUNTRY	TOTAL	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	POINTS
CUBA	8	5	1	2	19
USSR	8	2	2	4	14
U.S.A.	4	1	2	1	8
YUGOSLAVIA	3	1	0	2	5
RUMANIA	3	0	2	1	5
UGANDA	2	1	0	1	4
PUERTO RICO	2	1	0	1	4
VENEZUELA	2	0	2	0	4
BULGARIA	2	0	1	1	3
W. GER.	3	0	0	3	3
KENYA	1	0	1	0	2
SPAIN	1	0	0	1	1
FRANCE	1	0	0	1	1
PANAMA	1	0	0	1	1
GHANA	1	0	0	1	1
POLAND	1	0	0	1	1
NIGERIA	1	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	44	11	11	22	

German referee Wolf halts a bout in favor of Uganda's junior welterweight, Ayub Kalule, over the downed Kalevi Marjama of Finland.



Jorge Hernandez, Cuba, (left) scores with a left to the head of Albert Sandoval, U.S.A., on his way to a victory over the American in the light flyweight semi-finals. Hernandez went on to capture a gold medal.

Heavyweight Teofilo Stevenson was the predominant figure of this international event. Crowds would follow this pleasant 6'4" giant everywhere. Blowups of his kayo victory over Duane Bobick in Munich were to be seen at the Havana Libre Hotel, at the Sport City Coliseum as well as the fine gymnasium facilities at Avenida del Prado.

There is one impressive shot of Bobick, with a badly puffed right eye, on the canvas. This was the biggest victory in Cuban boxing history and it has been played to the hilt. So much so that one of Teofilo's opponents in this tournament developed an intestinal disorder and did not show up for the weigh-in.

True to form, Stevenson captured the heavyweight gold medal by beating another American, Marvin Stinson. His win was not as impressive as his victory over Duane Bobick in 1972. The Bobick triumph came after a previous loss to the American in Cali, Colombia, 14 months earlier.

It was sweet vengeance and by the knockout route. Although his victory over Stinson was by an ample margin there was no knockout or even a knockdown. Nothing of major excitement in this one. It was just a case of big man Stevenson unable to unload his heavy guns against his lighter and smaller opponent.

There is no possibility of a rematch as Marvin has stated that he expects to turn professional shortly.

The 22-year-old Stevenson is good enough to take many of the big boys we have around in the pro ranks. But the possibility of his going into the pro ranks are one in a million.

Stevenson stated, "No, I will not abandon my country for a million dollars or more. What is that compared to the nine million Cubans that idolize me?" Stevenson's other two performances in the tournament were hot and cold.

He looked good against the West German Hussing, whom he kayoed but did not impress in scoring a decision over a stumbling Nigerian by the name of Ayinla. His other opponent, Tshibangu of Zaire, failed to make an appearance, alleging illness, so the bout was automatically awarded to Stevenson.

Light flyweight Jorge Hernandez, Cuba, outpointed S. K. Mushoki, Kenya, by a 5-0 vote. Hernandez displayed superlative boxing skill in all of his encounters, having beaten Albert Sandoval of the U.S.A. as well as Munich medal winner Georgy Gedo, Hungary, and Rodriguez Cal, Spain, before his decisive victory over Mushoki.

Flyweight Douglas Rodriguez, Cuba, scored a 4-1 victory over Alfredo Perez, Venezuela, in a bout that was loudly protested by the Venezuelan delegates.

Although Perez had beaten the Cuban on a previous tournament he was hampered by having tougher opposition prior to the finals. Alfredo had rugged winning encounters against Fausto Garcia of Mexico, Richardson of the U.S.A., Menciassi, of Italy, and Gruescu, of Rumania. Heavier hitting Perez waited too late to start his offensive and this cost him the fight.

Bantam Wilfredo Gomez, of Puerto Rico, became the first non-Cuban gold medal winner when he plowed into Cuban finalist Jorge L. Romero from the opening bell to score a second round kayo. Resounding and rapier-like right crosses did the trick for the cool headed Puerto Rican, who scored knockdowns in the first and second heat before the referee called an end to the stunning one sided match.

Featherweight Howard Davis gave the U.S.A. its only gold medal triumph when he scored a 3-2 verdict over Boris Kuznetsov of U.S.S.R. in a most disputed verdict. Davis, who has lost three bouts in 32 encounters, stated that he is not interested in joining the pro ranks for the time being and hopes to compete in the Pan-American games as well as the Montreal Olympics.

Davis scored victories over Roberto Andino, of Puerto Rico, Pechev, of Bulgaria, Ndukwu, of Nigeria, and Mariano Alvarez, of Cuba, to earn his go in the finals against Kuznetsov. *(Continued on page 34)*

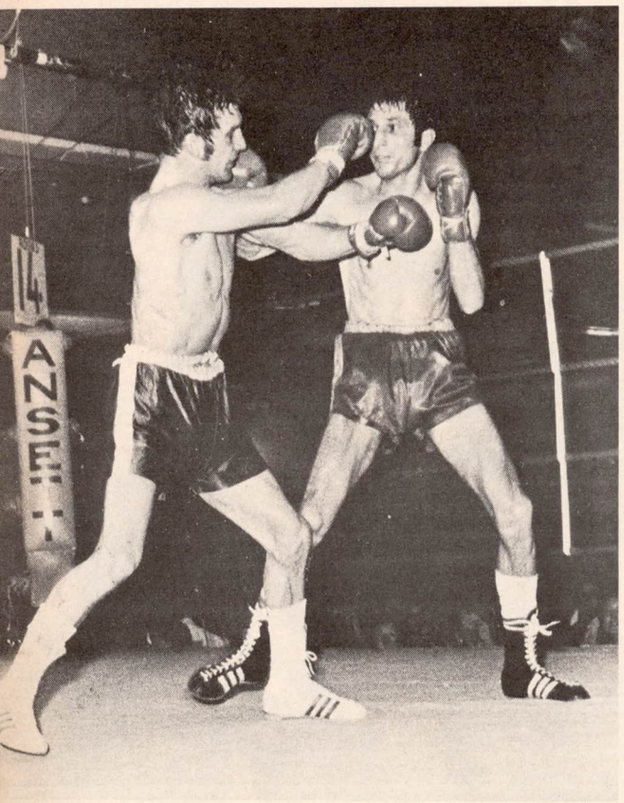
Teofilo Stevenson of Cuba, the heavyweight gold medal victor who was the predominant figure of the tournament.

AUSSIES PRESENT A BANTAMWEIGHT

FERRERI AS CONTENDER

(Above) Australian and Commonwealth bantamweight champion Paul Ferreri.
(Below) Ferreri (right) connects with a solid right to the jaw of John Kellie during their Commonwealth title engagement.

(Photos courtesy Fighter Magazine)



By RAY MITCHELL

SYDNEY, Australia – A very quiet fellow is Paul Ferreri, the Australian and Commonwealth bantamweight champion, quiet outside the ring and in it. He seldom is quoted in the press. He never complains about his lot in life or of a raw deal. In the ring he never gets steamed up. Perhaps it would be better if he did.

He did just enough to outpoint Raul Noria; he did just enough to outpoint Anthony Sithole. Yet there is a vast difference in class between Noria and Sithole.

Ferreri must be a good judge of pace and of scoring points, because only twice in his pro career has he lost. Perhaps he was a shade astray in his three drawn verdicts, although in at least two of them he appeared unlucky not to get the verdicts.

The last one was on May 26 of last year. A draw with French champion Guy Caudron! Someone had to be joking! Ferreri won with ease, but maybe the weather got to him in Tahiti (scene of the battle)!

All Paul said when he returned was: "They told me before the fight that I couldn't win, so I suppose I was lucky to get out with a draw."

"How do you think you went?" I asked.

"I'm sure I won it," replied Ferreri. "The promoter, Phillippe Godard, thought I won it. But I'm not complaining."

Ferreri is a fast-moving southpaw who has been on the deck only once – and his opponent was disqualified for doing it!

It happened at Melbourne on May 11, 1970, and the party of the other part was Filipino Sid Vicera. This was one fight in which Ferreri was in a couple of gears above his opponent, had run to an unbeatable lead, and about the only time Vicera touched him was when they shook hands at the start of the contest.

That was the trouble. When they came out for the start of the last round, Ferreri held out his dukes for the touch, and Vicera ignored the gesture. He swung one from the floor and down went Ferreri. Shades of Ketchel-Papke.

Referee Terry Reilly disqualified Vicera for not shaking hands. Ever since that fight Terry has come to ring center very fast as the bell signals the start of the last round!

Paul has an Italian name, but he is Aussie in his speech and in all other aspects. His name is Italian because his parents are Italian. Paul was born in Sicily on New Year's Day, 1948. He came to Australia at the age of five, and was educated here.

Being sports-minded, he went to a gymnasium. He stayed for quite a long time, with no ambition to box. One day gym proprietor Ambrose Palmer, (maker of champions), suggested he try himself in the ring.

Ferreri agreed, and went straight into the professional ranks. That was on August 2, 1968. He outpointed Pietro Granata over three rounds. Three nights later he did a repeat on Granata.

He went through a string of prelim bouts in Melbourne and South Melbourne – 13 in all – without raising much excitement except: "He's a good boy. Will take a power of beating."

In his 14th bout he outpointed Roger Carroll in a prelim to the Johnny Famechon-Fighting Harada world featherweight title tilt at Sydney Stadium (July 28, 1969). He got the bout because Ambrose Palmer also trained Famechon.

Back home in Melbourne, he twice outpointed Alan Pressnell, over eight and six, halted Tony Caminiti if four rounds, then stepped in with Pressnell for the Australian bantamweight title made vacant when world champ Lionel Rose relinquished his Australian laurels.

It was amazing. Here were two boxers, each engaging in his first main event, meeting each other over 15 rounds for the Australian title!

Just as strange was the fact that prelim boys Ferreri and Pressnell were rated numbers one and two contenders for the vacant title! Perhaps Lionel Rose had frightened the bantamweights off the roost in Australia!

Ferreri won easily on points, and it was published that he was the first Australian to win a national title without a loss on the way. Immediately fans rushed into print to point out that Jimmy Carruthers was undefeated to the Australian title, indeed was undefeated to the world title and right to his initial retirement as world champion.

They pointed out that Rocky Gattellari was undefeated up to and winning the Australian flyweight title, that Billy Males was not defeated until after he had won the Australian bantamweight title, that Harry Hayes was undefeated until well after he became Australian flyweight champion.

To all of which Ambrose Palmer had an answer. He said: "All those fellows lost as amateurs – before they turned pro. Ferreri never boxed as an amateur, and was undefeated in his 17 prior pro fights before winning the title."

Here we see Kellie being knocked into the ropes by Ferreri.

Ferreri receives some instructions between rounds from trainer Silberto Brondi.

Ambrose, however, forgot one man, a really great one: Young Griffo, who suffered his first defeat in his 115th contest, and that, according to the story, was a mistake on the part of referee Maxie Moore. The story also goes that the "winner", Jack McAuliffe, admitted that Griffo had won the fight.

Be that as it may, Ferreri's title win was highly commendable, and he did set a couple of firsts, namely, being ranked number one contender when he was fighting preliminaries, and having never engaged in a contest scheduled for more than eight rounds before fighting 15 rounds for the title.

In 1970 he breezed through victories over Aussies Norm Britton and Reg King. He beat Italian Carmelo Massa on a foul, then had the win over Vicera, also on a foul.

He outpointed Scot John Kellie, Englishman Tony Humm, Scot John McCluskey and Filipino Floro Ybanez, but he didn't set the world on fire. At times he did brilliant things. At other times he did just enough to win.

His opening gambit of 1971 was not particularly good. He was held to a draw by Mexican Tony Moreno, though probably few believed that Ferreri didn't deserve the decision.

Then came Willie Cordova, a pile-driving Filipino with little science but plenty of motivation. Again Ferreri had to be content with a draw, although again he seemed to be ahead on points.

But the feeling was: So what! Cordova tried to fight; Ferreri boxed along with safety-first tactics. So Ferreri deserved to get only a draw. That was the way fans looked at it.

On June 7, 1971, Ferreri and Cordova met in a return, with Willie coming in four pounds over the agreed limit.

That night Ferreri definitely boxed badly. The safety-first tactics were taken to extremes. Fans wrote him off. Even

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WORLD RATINGS

By NAT LOUBET

RATING FOR THE MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 15, 1974

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
GEORGE FOREMAN, Hayward, Calif.
1—MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY), Chicago, Ill.
2—JOE FRAZIER, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—RON LYLE, Denver, Colo.
4—KEN NORTON, San Diego, Calif.
5—OSCAR BONAVENA, Argentina
6—JERRY QUARRY, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—JOE BUGNER, England
8—CHUCK WEPNER, Bayonne, N.J.
9—HENRY CLARK, San Francisco, Calif.
10—LARRY MIDDLETON, Baltimore, Md.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—JORGE AHUMADA, Argentina
2—JOHN CONTEH, England
3—LEN HUTCHINS, Detroit, Mich.
4—VICTOR GALINDEZ, Argentina
5—KARL HEINZ KLEIN, Germany
6—TOM BOGS, Denmark
7—AVENAMAR PERALTA, Argentina
8—RICHIE KATES, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—ALVARO LOPEZ, Stockton, Calif.
10—RAUL LOYOLA, Argentina

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina
1—RODRIGO VALDEZ, Colombia
2—TONY MUNDINE, Australia
3—TONY LICATA, New Orleans, La.
4—BENNIE BRISCOE, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—GRATIEN TONNA, France
6—EMILE GRIFFITH, New York, N.Y.
7—KEVIN FINNEGAN, England
8—GEORGE COOPER, Oakland, Calif.
9—WILLIE MONROE, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—VITO ANTUOFERMO, Brooklyn, N.Y.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
OSCAR ALVARADO, Uvalde, Texas
1—ELISHA OBED, Nassau, Bahamas
2—JOSE DURAN, Spain
3—KOICHI WAJIMA, Japan
4—MIGUEL de OLIVIERA, Brazil
5—MIGUEL ANGEL CAMANINO, Argentina
6—ECKHARD DAGGE, Germany
7—LARRY PAUL, England
8—CHARKEY RAMON, Australia
9—DONATO PADUANO, Canada
10—MIGUEL CASTELLINI, Argentina

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1—CLYDE GRAY, Canada
2—ANGEL ESPADA, Puerto Rico
3—FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ, Dominican Rep.
4—HEDGEMON LEWIS, Detroit, Mich.
5—JOHN STRACEY, England
6—ROCKY MATTIOLI, Australia
7—JOHNNY GANT, Washington, D.C.
8—EDDIE PERKINS, Chicago, Ill.
9—ARMANDO MUNIZ, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—SANDY TORRES, Puerto Rico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ANTONIO CERVANTES, Colombia
1—HECTOR THOMPSON, Australia
2—ESTEBAN DeJESUS, Puerto Rico
3—PEDRO FERNANDEZ, Spain
4—TONY PETRONELLI, Taunton, Mass.
5—TONI ORTIZ, Spain
6—LEONCIO ORTIZ, Mexico
7—MONROE BROOKS, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—BROOKS BYRD, Clovis, N.M.
9—MIGUEL BARRETO, Puerto Rico
10—LAUDIAL NEGRON, Puerto Rico

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN, Panama
1—RAY LAMPKIN, Portland, Ore.
2—KEN BUCHANAN, Scotland
3—ANGEL MAYORAL, Las Vegas, Nev.
4—RUDY BARRO, Philippines
5—HUGO GUTIERREZ, Argentina
6—ISHIMATSU SUZUKI, Japan
7—ARTURO PINEDA, Mexico
8—RAY LUNNY III, San Francisco, Calif.
9—JIMMY HEAIR, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—HUGO BARRAZA, Colombia

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BEN VILLAFLOR, Philippines
1—KUNIAKI SHIBATA, Japan
2—ALFREDO ESCALERA, Puerto Rico
3—SVEN-ERIK PAULSEN, Norway
4—TYRONE EVERETT, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—LOTHAR ABEND, Germany
6—VICTOR ECHEGARAY, Argentina
7—JEAN-BAPTISTE PIEDVACHE, France
8—APOLLO YOSHIO, Japan
9—JOSE FERNANDEZ, New York, N.Y.
10—SAMUEL SERRANO, Puerto Rico

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—BOBBY CHACON, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—RUBEN OLIVARES, Mexico
3—LIONEL HERNANDEZ, Venezuela
4—ALFREDO MARCANO, Venezuela
5—EDER JOFRE, Brazil
6—ALEX AGUELLO, Nicaragua
7—ART HAFEY, Canada
8—SHIG FUKUYAMA, Japan
9—ANTONIO (GITANO) JIMINEZ, Spain
10—DANNY LOPEZ, Los Angeles, Calif.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
SOO HWAN HONG, Korea
1—RAFAEL HERRERA, Mexico
2—BENICO SOSA, Argentina
3—ARNOLD TAYLOR, South Africa
4—ROMEO ANAYA, Mexico
5—RODOLFO MARTINEZ, Mexico
6—JOSE CASAS, Argentina
7—FRANCISCO VILLEGAS, Puerto Rico
8—DAVID VASQUEZ, Puerto Rico
9—JOSE LUIS SOTO, Mexico
10—ANDRES HERNANDEZ, Puerto Rico

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—BETULIO GONZALEZ, Venezuela
2—MIGUEL CANTO, Mexico
3—CHARTCHAI CHIONOI, Thailand
4—VICENTE POOL, Mexico
5—THANOMJIT SUKOTHAI, Thailand
6—ERBITO SALVARRIA, Philippines
7—BIG JIM WEST, Australia
8—CECIL ESCOBIDO, Philippines
9—FERNANDO CABANELA, Philippines
10—HENRY NISSEN, Australia

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Name	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Charley Johnson Alliance, Ohio	6/73	6	6	0	0	1
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Jan Kies South Africa	2/70	22	18	4	0	9
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Roy Hollis Los Angeles, Calif.	12/73	7	6	1	0	2
WELTERWEIGHT						
Wayne Cullen Australia	2/70	15	12	3	0	4
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Frankie Benitez Puerto Rico	4/73	14	13	1	0	11
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Budda Busceme Beaumont, Texas	1/74	5	5	0	0	5
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Carlos Zarate Mexico	4/73	14	14	0	0	12
FLYWEIGHT						
Jorge Lujan Panama	1/74	5	5	0	0	4

BOBBY CHACON FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

THE big feature of the world ratings this month is the appearance of a listing for the junior middleweight class.

The junior middles never before were rated by The Ring. For some time now readers developed a powerful demand for ranking the 154-pounders and at last The Ring has decided to abandon its antipathy to the class.

The junior middles were created in 1962 by the World Boxing Association at its convention in Tacoma. The class became a dumping ground for fighters who could not make the welters and did not fit into the middles.

In recent years the division has gained considerable respectability and now, at long last, it takes its place among the recognized classes.

The junior middleweight division appears in The Ring for the first time in this form:

Champion, Oscar Alvarado, United States (Texas). Contenders, 1. Elisha Obed, Nassau, Bahamas; 2. Jose Duran, Spain; 3. Koichi Wajima, Japan; 4. Miguel de Oliviera, Brazil; 5. Miguel Angel Camanino, Argentina; 6. Eckhard Dagge, Germany; 7. Larry Paul, England; 8. Charkey Ramon, Australia; 9. Donato Paduano, Canada; 10. Miguel Castellini, Argentina.

The Fighter of the Month, by ruling of The Ring, is Bobby Chacon, of California, the American champion of the featherweight class and the No. 1 contender for the feather title, which, The Ring rules, is open.

Chacon gained his long sought laurels with a ninth round knockout of Alfredo Marcano. It was quite an achievement.

The WBC regards Chacon as the world feather champion. The WBA calls Ruben Olivares the titleholder.

It is the decision of The Ring that Chacon and Olivares, who holds a decision over Chacon, must meet to settle the question of the world supremacy in the 126-pound division.

Bruno Arcari, of Italy, gave up his No. 2 rating in the junior

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MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

By SAM TAUB
(Second of three parts)

(Above) Sam Taub (left) describes a bout for NBC along with the well-known Bill Stern. The drawing of Taub at the top of the page was made by the late sports artist, Ted Carroll, in 1953.

Here we see Sam sitting opposite Jack Dempsey and the late Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of The Ring for 50 years, in Dempsey's famous eating emporium.

A MAN who has seen 10,000 fights must have had boxing roots but in my case I went into fistic relationship utterly without a boxing background. How then did it all happen?

My boxing experience began actively with my job on The Morning Telegraph. That was on June 8, 1908. This position I got, as I have explained, by placing an ad in the situation wanted column of The New York Times. Much to my amazement, I received an acceptance from The Telegraph. It never occurred to me that the job would be what it was, secretary to Herbert A. Hallett, at the time advertising manager of The Telegraph.

This job placed me at some distance from the editorial department. Every time I was sent to the editorial office, which was situated at 50th Street and 8th Avenue, I cast a longing look at the sports section which was presided over by the great Heywood Broun. I wondered if I would ever work in Broun's department.

Before coming to the newspaper, I developed an intense interest not only in boxing but in baseball as well. After school and during a World Series, for example, I would linger at Park Row to catch the bulletins chalked by an announcer for the Evening World. This lateness for dinner got me into considerable trouble at home.

If there was a big fight out in California I stayed up to get the results, thereby forcing me to stay up and not get home until two in the morning.

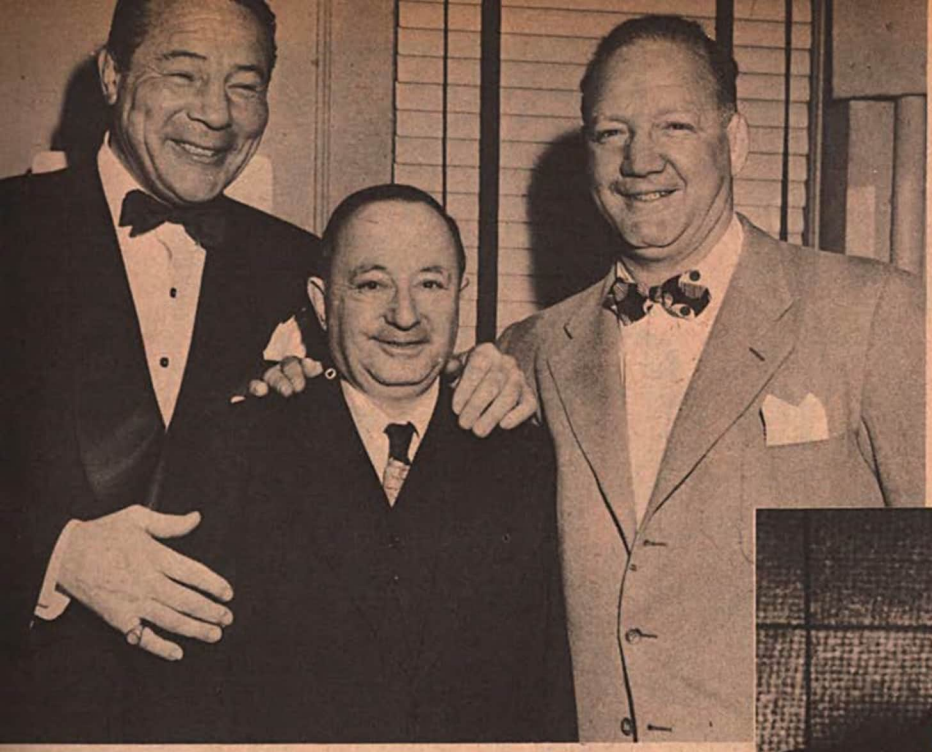
And so while I went to one job after another, not one of them related to boxing, I developed a deep love for the game which, as years rolled along, became stronger and stronger, becoming almost an obsession with me.

One day, the secretary to the advertising director found a better job and, much to my amazement, I was recruited to fill another vacancy as secretary to William E. Lewis, Editor and Publisher of The Morning Telegraph. Now I was truly in the newspaper business.

Time rolled along and then I got another break. While working as secretary to Lewis, I soon found myself also a secretary to William B. "Bat" Masterson.

I don't believe I have to tell who Bat Masterson was and what he was doing in New York. Masterson, who had been a lawman out in Kansas, was the boxing expert of The Morning Telegraph. Bat knew everything there was to be known about the fight game. He personally was familiar with the convolutions of boxing and there wasn't a prominent fighter in the world, not alone in the United States, with whom he was not on friendly terms.

Being secretary to Masterson lifted me to a journalistic pinnacle or at least what I then regarded as a professional peak. Bat would dictate his stories or write them in longhand for me to type. I also was sent out to cover fights when Bat was otherwise engaged.



(Left) Sam is flanked by the madcap ex-champs Max Baer and Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom. (Below) Ralph Houk, ex-Yankee pilot and current manager of the Detroit Tigers, greets Taub at a recent Baseball Writers' dinner at the Americana Hotel in New York.

My experience as a fight reporter began to grow apace. My 13 years with Masterson were the happiest of my life. I have had better paying jobs, I have seen all the big fights, I have covered camps of many great heavyweights, but my association with the old lawman was the most pleasant of my many years in the fight game.

What kind of a man was Bat Masterson? He was a very decent, kindly and helpful man. His knowledge of boxing was as extensive as that of any fight expert in the world. He had an uncanny sense of smelling out the occasional fix which came under his inspection. No phony fight got by the eagle-eyed shrewdness of Bat Masterson. I really worshipped the guy and also loved his wife, Emma.

Before I began to report fights I had been a patron of the sour science, as Damon Runyon called it, paying my dollar to watch the more or less famous heroes of the time who showed at such places as the Olympic Club on West 125th St., at Mannerchar Hall on 50th St. off Third Avenue and the Marlboro A.C., later known as the National Sporting Club and Pioneer A.C. on West 44th St., between 8th and 9th Avenues.

In those days there was no boxing law in New York such as we have today with a commission to supervise the competition. There were no decisions and the winners were named by the newspaper people who reported the fights.

My experience as a Morning Telegraph fight reporter and assistant to Bat began before New York passed the Walker Law in 1920. No longer did I have to pay a dollar to see the fights. I was a professional.

Soon, I got still another break. I became the sports editor of The Morning Telegraph in 1926.

No matter how long a man may be associated with boxing and for that matter baseball too, he will have his heroes. My first idol was Terry McGovern, the Brooklyn Madcap, who became the bantam and later featherweight champion of the world. Terry was a fury in the ring and never put up a bad performance in his entire career which ended tragically. I never believed the old story that McGovern had been favored by a dive against Joe Gans, the greatest lightweight champion of all with the possible exception of Benny Leonard. McGovern knocked out Gans in three rounds in Chicago. The newspapers were vehement in pronouncing the affair a fake but to me that was a demonstration of my hero's punching power.

While on the subject of fistic heroes, this looks like a good place for me to discuss a few of my more prominent candidates.

Many great heavyweights have been placed at the top by many great judges of fighters. There is a cult which today would place Muhammad Ali at the crest. This I will controvert. The greatest heavyweight of all time was James J. Jeffries, who retired unbeaten in 1905.

The late Nat Fleischer in the Ring Record Book listed Jack Johnson in the #1 niche. Others have picked Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Ezzard Charles, the greatly underrated one, Jim Corbett and Bob Fitzsimmons.

My friend, Gene Tunney, not so long ago told me he considered John L. Sullivan the greatest heavyweight of all time. His reasons were far too lengthy to go into here but his choice emphasized the fact that there were so many entries for the championship stakes.

My first byline on The Morning Telegraph was on the story of the fight in which Mike Gibbons was defeated by Soldier Bartfield in Ebbets Field, in Brooklyn. For years I had been told that a New York newspaper byline was the prize of prizes. Now I had achieved that prize.

No, it's not John Barrymore, Errol Flynn or Tyrone Power. This matinee idol-like portrait is of Samuel S. Taub, Esq. (Right) In this photo, snapped at a meeting of the Sports Lodge of B'nai B'rith, are (left to right) Max Kase, Charley Goldman, Taub, Al Weill and Lou Niss.

As the years went along, there was many a reward and there were many awards to mark my progress, first as a writer and then as a broadcaster. Let me not forget the outstanding mark of distinction which came to me from the New York Boxing Writers' Association in 1958 when I received the Jimmy Walker Award for long service to the fight game. I was especially pleased because Walker had been a friend of mine for so many years.

A tremendous portion of my experience in boxing was devoted to my career as a broadcaster. I had been sending fight results to The Morning Telegraph through Western Union and Postal Telegraph. One evening I was approached by Joe Bernhardt, of WMSG, who asked if I would be interested in broadcasting the fight action out of the Garden which at that time was located at 50th St. & 8th Avenue. I accepted the invitation irrespective of the fact that there was no pay. Why I took a job rather arduous job on a totally amateur basis often has puzzled me. Apparently at this distance I must confess that I gave the matter little thought. The idea of being a regular broadcaster apparently overawed me.

Working for nothing was not a very rewarding exercise but I had accepted the job and it was mine to go on with.

The sponsor of these WMSG reports was unknown to me. You may not believe this but if any advertising material came out of WMSG through the fight I was not aware of its contents.

Financial help came from the New York State Athletic Commission, which at the time was headed by Jim Farley. He was instrumental in the passage of a regulation which forced WMSG to pay me $25 a fight. It wasn't long before the broadcasting of Garden fights was taken over by WNBC and WMCA, with Truly Warner Hats as the sponsors of the WMCA programs. Later on another sponsor showed up. That backer lasted longer than the Warner connection. Adam Hats eventually took over Truly Warner and now I was very much in the men's hat business.

While I was sports editor of the Telegraph, Tex Rickard took some writers and editors on a jumket to St. Louis. We were told it was to be a hunting trip. A few of the boys started looking for hunting outfits. Eventually we got there and the fact was Rickard went to sign Gene Tunney for his return engagement with Jack Dempsey, which was staged in Soldier Field, Chicago.

On the way home, on a special train, a poker game started. Someone mentioned about fixing or stacking the cards and I was

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Given under my hand this 25 day of December 1954.

Father Wagner

BOYS TOWN, NEBRASKA

Here is a certificate of honorary citizenship bestowed on Sam Taub by Boys Town in 1954.

elected to do the job. Taking part in the card game was Jim Dawson, of the Times, Ike Dorgan, Tex Rickard's publicist, Harry Newman, of the Daily News, Jim Jennings, of the Graphic, and Murray Lewin, of the Daily Mirror, along with several others. Dawson was dealt four deuces and threatened to use his little Betsy if anyone interfered. Ike Dorgan had four queens. Jennings and Lewin had full houses. I asked them to withdraw but they wouldn't do it. The excitement was terrific as the bidding continued. We asked Tex Rickard and Mike Jacobs to watch.

After all the money was in the pot, I quietly withdrew to my sleeping compartment. The players were boiling. They wanted my scalp. Nobody knew where I was. Finally, when everything simmered down, Rickard and Jacobs convinced the players it was all a

gag and hence I was in good standing again. That was something to remember.

On an early TV show on WNBT, a 15-minute one, I had Sugar Ray Robinson as my guest. Ray was then still an amateur. I put Robinson through the griddle, having him skip rope, do other calisthenics and finally appear in a three-round sparring exhibition with a pro. When it was all over, as Manager George Gainford will attest to, we informed our TV audience that should Ray ever turn professional, no matter in what class, he would be a world champion. My prophecy came through as he went on to become one of boxing's immortals in the welter and middleweight divisions.

My "Hour of Champions" radio program on WHN ran for 24 years. Every celebrity of note, from boxing, baseball and other sports, came on the air with me. Topping the list was the great Jack Dempsey, that laugh-provoking duet from fistiana, Max Baer and Maxie Rosenbloom, the wonderful Joe DiMaggio, the amazing Jim Londos, as well as Man Mountain Dean, from matdom. I had as my guests six-day bike stars as well as the headliners from the hockey world headed by Frank Boucher. All of them showed up gratis on the program. You couldn't get that type of talent today, at any price.

(The third and final installment will appear next month)

Here's Sam smoking a favorite cheroot. But he doesn't smoke 'em any more, having given them up in 1973.

(Left) Gene Tunney, the former heavyweight king and a good friend of Taub's, told Sam he considered John L. Sullivan the greatest of all the heavyweights. (Above) At the dedication of a memorial plaque to Benny Leonard were (left to right) Al Bell, Lew Tendler, Bernard Salesky, Joseph Leonard, Benny's brother, Sam Taub and Lt. Morris A. Huggins, U. S. Maritime Service.

Among those in attendance at a meeting of old time boxers at the Wethersfield, Conn. Racquet Club were: Billy Kowalczyk, Eddie Milson, Bat Battalino, Al Couture and Willie Pep.

RING CAMERA CLICKS

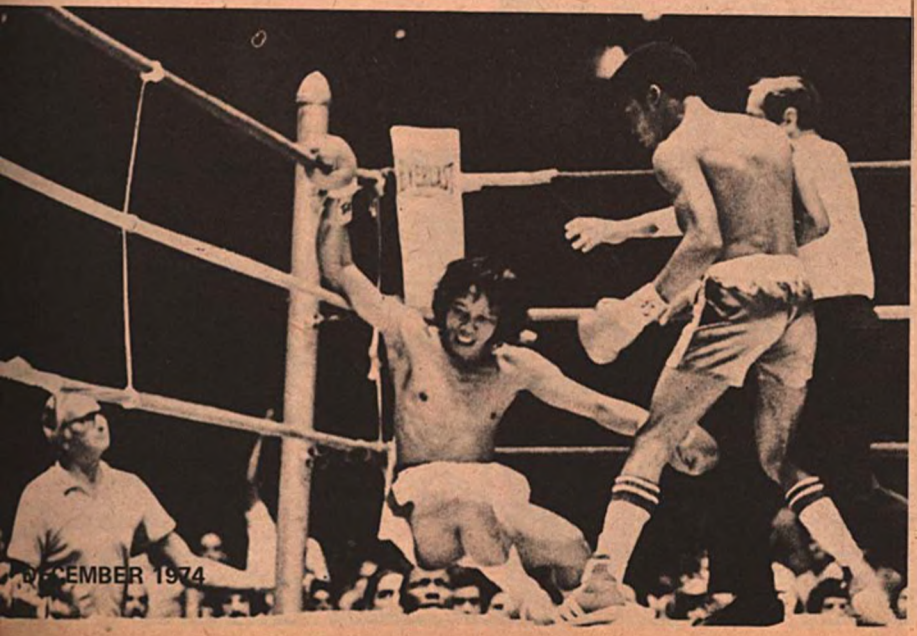
This photo from Cuba shows Dutch welterweight Henk Van Der Reek weeping as the referee guides him to his corner after he suffered a TKO at the hands of Ricardo Arce of Argentina at the start of the world amateur boxing championships.

Maltese heavyweight boxer Charles (Big Boy) Cutajar is aided by officials at Paola, Malta, after being halted by Italy's Francesco Piccanelli in the fourth. The 32-year-old Cutajar died the following day in a hospital in Valletta, Malta.

Ring publisher Nat Loubet (second from left) poses with three guests from Italy. They are (from left) Aldo Spoldi, Giuliano Orlando and Cesare Castellani.

New England middleweight king Marvin Hagler (right) of Brockton, Mass., forces Sugar Ray Seales, of Tacoma, Wash. to cover up during their recent contest in Boston. Hagler won a unanimous decision. Hagler, by winning his 18th straight, without a defeat, ended Seales' unbeaten streak of 21 in a row.

Carol Polis, the first female boxing judge in New York State history, watches Eduardo Santiago and Dominico Monaco trade punches at New York's Felt Forum. Mrs. Polis scored the bout 9-0-1 for Santiago. When the bout was declared a draw, the fans rioted.



Here is Hector Medina in the act of scoring a two-round KO over Flash Gallego in a recent contest at Roberto Clemente Coliseum in San Juan, P.R.

JIMMY WILDE

WILDE, ROSS WERE STYLISTS TO THE VERY END

BARNEY ROSS

By GEORGE GIRSCH

ONE OF the most thrilling and electrifying moments in sports is the crowning of a new boxing champion. The excitement is sometimes almost too much to bear as the ring announcer happily intones, "The winnah, and new champion of the world. . ."

It is a sad moment for the former titleholder, however. Beaten and weary, shorn of the crown he has worn for so long with much distinction, he is sad of face and tired in body and spirit. In many cases, age and time were the culprits who took away the title, more so than the efforts of the challenger.

The saddest moments, though, are when all-time great champions are dethroned. But, when they do, they go out in style, battling to the very end — like Jimmy Wilde and Barney Ross, two of the very best.

When Wilde, known as the Mighty Atom, who hailed from Pontypridd, Wales, came to America to meet Pancho Villa, the talented Filipino, at the Polo Grounds, New York, in June, 1923, he was 31 years old. Wilde had not engaged in a ring contest in more than two years, except for one exhibition. His last legitimate outing had been against Pete Herman in London, on January 13, 1921. Wilde, who was outweighed by 19 pounds, was knocked out in the 17th round by the ex-bantamweight king, who was to regain his title later that year.

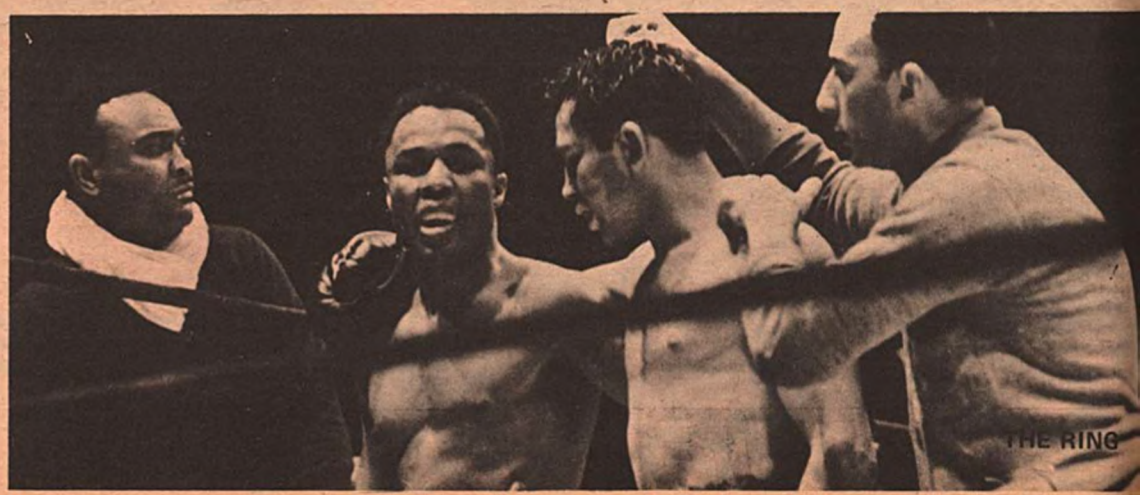
It appeared to many observers that Wilde, who had held the 112-pound title since defeating Young Zulu Kid in December, 1916, had seen his best days. No longer was his great talent and speed there for all to see and admire. His unique artistry had slowly faded with age. The shrewd little Welshman decided to bide his time and wait for that one big fight from which he could take home a huge purse, even though he might very well be an ex-titleholder at the finish. The Villa bout was it, as Jimmy was to collect $65,000 as his share, still the all-time flyweight record.

Oddly enough, when Villa entered the ring on the sultry night of June 18th, he was not even the American flyweight king. That singular title belonged to Frankie Genaro, who had beaten Pancho three months earlier. Despite the loss to Genaro, Villa was matched with Wilde for the world crown.

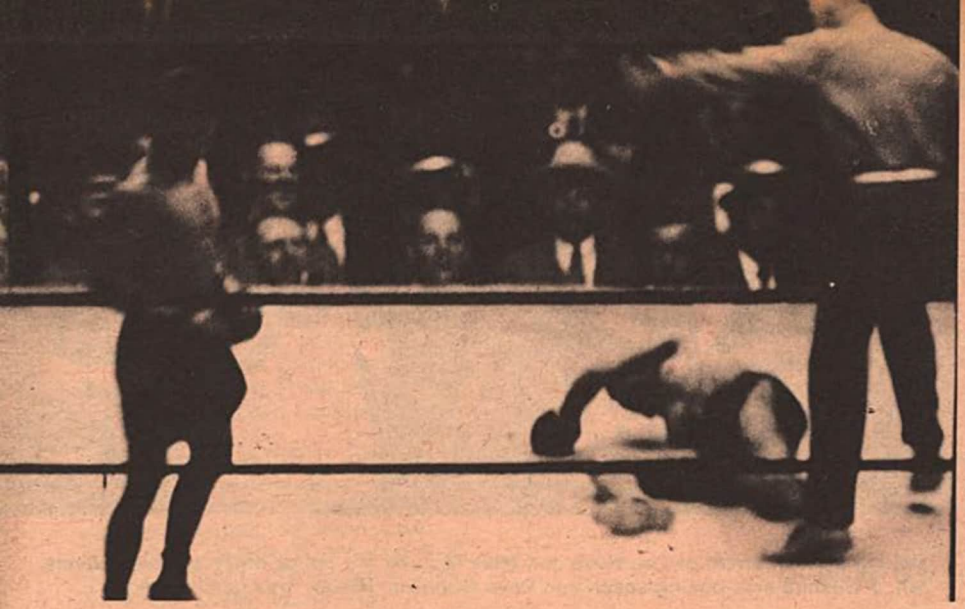
On this night of nights for flyweights, perhaps the most famous 112-pound engagement of all, Villa, at the top of his form, scaled 110. Wilde came in at 109½.

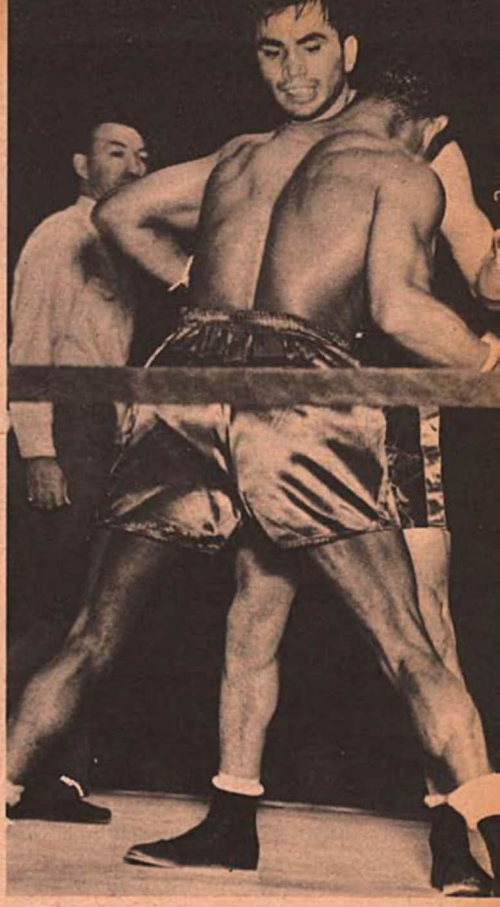
After feeling each other out during the opening round, they really got down to serious business in the second, with Villa seemingly taking charge.

As the evening progressed, it became obvious to most observers that Villa's harder hitting and youthful legs were going to carry him to victory, being far too much for the older Wilde to cope with. But the lionhearted veteran from the other side of the Atlantic won the undying admiration of the 23,000 spectators by virtue of his courageous battle in the face of certain defeat.

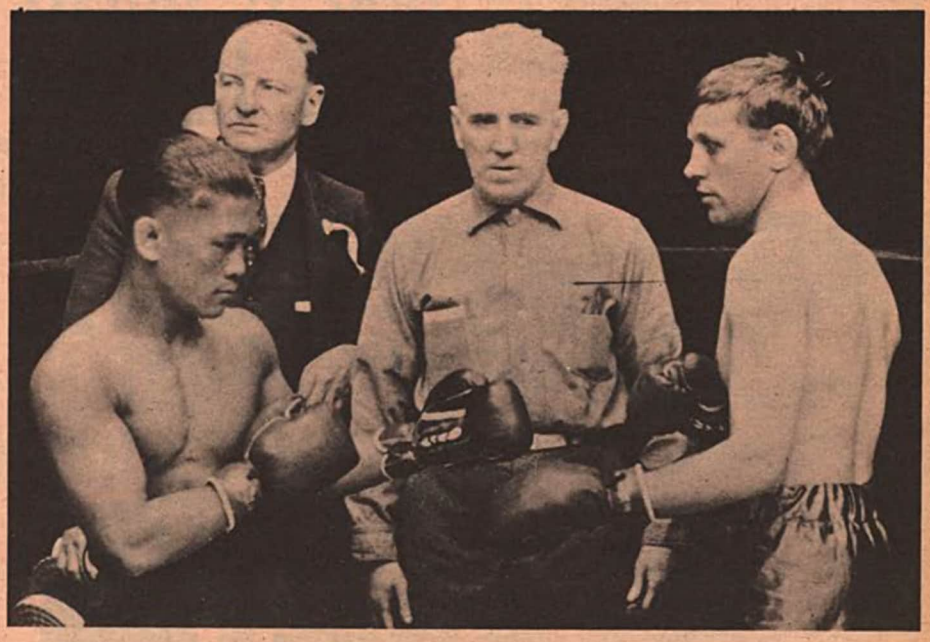


Arms around each other, Henry Armstrong and Barney Ross leave the Madison Square Garden Bowl ring after Armstrong defeated Ross for the welterweight crown in 1938.





(Above) Pancho Villa knocks out Jimmy Wilde to gain the flyweight title in 1923. (Right) Armstrong and Ross pound away at each other during their memorable contest. (Below) Villa and Wilde square off before their epic contest as referee Patsy Haley watches. Announcer Joe Humphreys is next to Haley.



Wilde, who had been floored in the second round, attempted to stem the tide in the third but was unable to hold off the onrushing Filipino. He had shot his bolt in that round. After a slow fourth round, Pancho launched further attacks in the fifth and sixth rounds. Villa landed many telling blows without a return from the badly weakened Welshman.

Wilde absorbed everything Villa dished out, being hit, it seemed, with everything but the ring posts. Jimmy, brave as they came, steadfastly refused to go down.

A human being, however, can take just so much punishment. In the seventh and what proved to be the last round, Wilde gamely pressed forward, though the blood streamed forth from his nose and a deep cut under an eye. His left ear was beet red and puffed up. His eyes were almost swollen shut but Jimmy refused to call it quits.

Then it was that Villa connected with a tremendous right to the jaw. Wilde fell face down on the canvas. There was no need to count. At exactly 1:46 of the seventh round, Jimmy was no longer flyweight champion of the world.

Although Villa became the new titleholder, Wilde was the man whose gameness was being talked about. Seldom had a boxer taken so much punishment. Of course, he could have taken the easy way out and quit earlier, but Jimmy Wilde wasn't built that way.

And neither was Barney Ross.

Ross, champion of the welterweight division, signed to box Hammerin' Henry Armstrong, the boss of the featherweights, at Madison Square Garden Bowl in Long Island City, New York, on the night of May 26, 1938.

Armstrong had attempted to meet Lou Ambers, the lightweight champion, but negotiations had fallen through and the match with Ross made.

Because of five straight days of rain, the bout was forced back to May 31st. Before taking on Ross, Armstrong had won 37 consecutive contests, 33 by knockouts of which 27 were in a row. Ross, defending his 147-pound crown for the third time since winning it back from Jimmy McLarnin in 1935, had taken the measures of Izzy Jannazzo in 1936 and Ceferino Garcia in 1937.

Ross was quickly installed the favorite due to his experience and familiarity with the 15-round championship distance. The experts figured the only way the hard-hitting Armstrong could win was by the knockout route with the chances of that being very slim due to the fact of Ross never having been stopped. despite facing such hard hitters as Billy Petrolle, Tony Canzoneri, Garcia and McLarnin.

In deference to Armstrong's having bypassed the lightweight division, a weight agreement was made and fulfilled by both boxers for the original weigh-in. Armstrong

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CAULIFLOWER CLUB ALSO HAS A GREAT BIG HEART

By DON PAGE

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — Just off the Boulevard of Busted Beaks on Nostalgia Street, you'll find the Cauliflower Alley Club.

Each Wednesday at noon, the fabulous faces gather to talk of old times and speak the soft, gentle language peculiar to ringmen.

It's a noble assemblage of mashed noses, broken teeth, puffed eyebrows, and those wonderfully waffled ears which symbolize the club.

Iron Mike Mazurki, looking like he just came down from the beanstalk, greets you warmly with a huge hand shaped like a bag of bolts. Mike's establishment actually is located in his Baron's Castle Restaurant on the main floor of the elegantly ancient downtown Elk's Club.

Iron Mike, president of the Cauliflower Alley Club, has the most beautifully mangled left ear in the history of wrestling. It appears folded over from the top, flattening out into a dogleg left, with a lobe a kid could swing on. And it's his *good* ear. That ear is the symbol of the club.

Mazurki was particularly comfortable this day, since he had found a pair of size 13 sneakers and wasn't navigating like he was treading over hot coals.

Mike and executive director Marshall Wright give you the tour around Cauliflower Alley with its priceless fight photographs adorning the walls, along with paintings and statues. Then you meet some of the people from the pictures.

Great old time fighters and wrestlers — Jimmy McLarnin, Archie Moore, Lou Nova, Frankie García, Gorilla Jones, Jackie Fields, Bert Colima, Mushy Callahan, Baron Leone, Count Billy Varga, Tiger Joe Marsh, Lord Carlton, Jimmy Londos and Don Sebastian. . .and many more.

Making a mock arrest of Lou Nova and Mike Mazurki are police officers Chuck Garcia, left, a Wilshire area boxing coach and Dave Goodwin, Harbor area boxing mentor.

And there is Phil Bloom, a straight little man who, says legend, whipped Benny Leonard three times in no-decision bouts. He is 80.

You meet Harvey Parry, former fighter and movie stuntman, who has the singular distinction of having given James Cagney a cauliflower ear, which qualified Cagney to receive an honorary membership this year.

Besides the weekly luncheons, the club also holds smokers featuring guests such as Jack Dempsey and Jimmy Londos and rare boxing films often highlight the evening.

The club's recent big event was a boxing smoker at the Longshoreman's Hall in Wilmington where the Los Angeles Police Dept. staged 10 amateur bouts with the proceeds going to the Wilmington Teen Post and the LAPD Harbor Area youth athletic programs. All the big-name Cauliflower Alley members took bows during the successful show.

A fresh, unmarked face belonging to the LAPD's Dave Goodwin, tells you "These people are doing a great job for us. They've helped our juvenile crime prevention program tremendously."

"We're also working with the LAPD in establishing the Wilshire Boys Boxing Club," says Marshall Wright. "It's a good thing because all of these kids have been in trouble."

The club, in its sixth year, is looking for a permanent home where it can form the World Boxing Hall of Fame for Boxing and Wrestling, which would house books, trophies, equipment, motion pictures and souvenirs. And more than this, it would preserve an era unique in sports.

Lou Nova, attired in an outfit of gaudy stripes topped by a straw hat, answered the bell for the first round of the buffet lunch by putting the KO to a watermelon.

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Chatting in Mazurki's restaurant are (left to right) Mike, Jimmy McLarnin, ex-welterweight king, and Phil Bloom, oldtime lightweight who defeated Benny Leonard in the no decision days.

UNITED STATES RING RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Muhammad Ali, Chicago, Ill.
1—Joe Frazier, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
3—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
4—Jerry Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Chuck Wepner, Bayonne, N.J.
6—Henry Clark, San Francisco, Calif.
7—Larry Middleton, Baltimore, Md.
8—Duane Bobick, Minneapolis, Minn.
9—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—Rodney Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
1—Richie Kates, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Alvaro Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
3—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, N.Y.
4—Mike Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Vinnie Curto, Miami, Fla.
6—Jesse Burnett, San Diego, Calif.
7—James Scott, Newark, N.J.
8—Ray Elson, New York, N.Y.
9—Lonnie Bennett, Houston, Texas
10—John Griffin, Akron, Ohio

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Tony Licata, New Orleans, La.
1—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Emile Griffith, New York, N.Y.
3—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
4—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Vito Antuofermo, Brooklyn, N.Y.
6—Rudy Robles, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Eddie Gregory, New York, N.Y.
8—Mike Rossman, Pleasantville, N.J.
9—Marvin Hagler, Boston, Mass.
10—Nelson La Salle, Puerto Rico

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y.
1—Cuby Top Cat Jackson, Detroit, Mich.
2—Mike Baker, Spartanburg, S.C.
3—Clyde Washington, New Orleans, La.
4—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
5—Rocky DiFazio, Chicago, Ill.
6—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
7—Ray Seales, Seattle, Wash.
8—Alvin Anderson, Baltimore, Md.
9—Tony Gardner, Oklahoma City, Okla.
10—Keith Averett, Toledo, Ohio

WELTERWEIGHTS
*Hedgemon Lewis, Detroit, Mich.
1—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
2—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
3—Eddie Perkins, Chicago, Ill.
4—Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Sandy Torres, Puerto Rico
6—Billy Lloyd, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—Eddie Parks, Paterson, N.J.
8—Pete Ranzany, San Francisco, Calif.
9—Paul Poirier, New Bedford, Mass.
10—Avon Little, Washington, D.C.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
*Tony Petronelli, Taunton, Mass.
1—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
2—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Brooks Byrd, Clovis, N.M.
4—Miguel Barreto, Puerto Rico
5—Laudial Negron, Puerto Rico
6—Hector Matta, Puerto Rico
7—Adolfo Viruet, New York, N.Y.
8—Dale Hernandez, Omaha, Nebr.
9—Victor Ortiz, Puerto Rico
10—Al Scooter Meza, Kennwick, Wash.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore.
1—Angel Mayoral, Las Vegas, Nev.
2—Ray Lunny III, San Francisco, Calif.
3—Jimmy Heair, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Mike Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Hector Medina, Puerto Rico
6—Edwin Viruet, Brooklyn, N.Y.
7—Tim Walker, Washington, D.C.
8—Jose Peterson, Puerto Rico
9—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Ruben Navarro, Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
1—Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico
2—Jose Fernandez, New York, N.Y.
3—Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico
4—Sammy Goss, Trenton, N.J.
5—Hector Pena, Dallas, Texas
6—Walter Seeley, Sayville, N.Y.
7—Dom Monaco, Brooklyn, N.Y.
8—Hector Diaz, Puerto Rico
9—Eduardo Santiago, Puerto Rico
10—Frankie Benitez, Puerto Rico

FEATHERWEIGHTS
*Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Lorenzo Trujillo, Houston, Texas
3—Ronnie McGarvey, Baltimore, Md.
4—Santos Luis Rivera, Puerto Rico
5—Carlos Perez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Ernesto Vann, Albuquerque, N.M.
7—Ray Hall, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
8—Luis Davila, Puerto Rico
9—Diego Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Budda Busceme, Beaumont, Texas

BANTAMWEIGHTS
*Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
1—David Vasquez, Puerto Rico
2—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
3—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—James Martinez, Dallas, Texas
5—Joe Guevara, Sacramento, Calif.
6—Benny Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
8—Eddie Logan, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Tony Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
10—Norman Parra, San Diego, Calif.

FLYWEIGHTS
*Tony Moreno, San Antonio, Texas
1—Raul Roseto, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Bobby Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark.
4—Alfonso Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Melvin Johnson, Clovis, N.M.
7—Victor Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
8—Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
9—Rocky Garcia, San Antonio, Texas
10—Erasmo Flores, Houston, Texas

*Champion

Johnny Clark, now retired, signs a contract with promoter Mike Barrett to meet Rafael Herrera, then the bantamweight king, back in January. The bout never took place, however.

Clark (left) mixes it up with Italy's Franco Zurlo during their contest for the vacant European bantamweight title in April, 1973. Clark won the crown via a 15-round decision.

BAD EYE FORCED CLARK TO RETIRE

By RON OLVER

LONDON, ENG. — Back in 1971, Johnny Clark was seriously ill from a blood infection. When he recovered he came to my office and told me, "I really thought I was going to die." And he meant every word of it.

Yet, such were his powers of recuperation and his determination to box again that when he did so, only a few months later, it was little short of a miracle. And yet another miracle occurred when Johnny went on to annex the British and European bantamweight titles.

Now Johnny has announced his retirement, not because of the illness, but because of an injury to his right eye.

Manager Dennie Mancini, the man who stuck with Johnny throught all these difficult times and who guided him to his two titles, told me that Johnny had an operation for a damaged retina.

"The operation was successful," said Dennie. "But Johnny was warned by specialists that it would be dangerous to continue boxing. To do so would risk permanent damage to the eye.

"Just one blow, at any time, could produce this damage, but as long as he doesn't box his sight should be perfectly all right."

I can well understand how Johnny feels, especially fighting his way through one illness, and now to see this happen. At 26 years of age he was on the verge of a world title fight, which could well have happened last year in London.

On that occasion, promoter Mike Barrett was ready, willing and able to stage a contest with Rafael Herrera and Johnny for the former's crown, but was unable to get TV backing at that time in order to produce enough revenue to pay Herrera £20,000 and Clark a minimum of £6,000.

This year it seemed that everything had been arranged for the bout to take place in Mexico, but Herrera's connections kept Dennie hanging about for a definite reply as to date and venue. In the end, Dennie decided it would be better to wait until definite arrangements could be made.

"It suited us better to do so at that time," he told me.

Clark connects with a left to the midriff of Paddy Maguire during their 15-rounder for the vacant British bantamweight diadem. Clark won the nod and the title.

Thus ends the fine career of a boxer who has provided some of the most exciting fights between little men ever seen in Britain. He had two such contests with Alan Rudkin, and one with Paddy Maguire, all title bouts which had the fans standing up and cheering.

As an amateur, Clark boxed for Robert Browning B.C., and the Lynn B.C. He was Amateur Boxing Association Junior champion. In 1966 he won the A.B.A. senior bantam title, only to box in the Empire Games that year as a flyweight.

He was eliminated in the quarter-finals by Ghana's Sulley Shittu, who went on to take the Gold Medal, and who today is a prominent professional.

Clark had a pleasing style. He could box and he could fight, and

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INSIDE THE ROPES *with* *Ruby Goldstein*

THE other evening I was watching a television talk show in which a capable interviewer had about a half dozen comedians as his guests. They shared equal time in relating some humorous incidents which occurred while performing at night clubs and resort hotels. They seemed to be having as pleasant a time as the viewing audience was receiving. For me, however, the pleasure came to a complete halt when one comedian made reference to a "punch drunk" fighter. That term, along with snide remarks as "yellow," "setup," "glass jaw" and "hasbeen" can really be fighting words when a present or former fighter is within hearing distance.

The tension commences about two weeks prior to an actual fight when a boxer goes into serious training. A mental buildup has to be maintained, particularly when your opponent is a highly touted fighter. I believe I'm safe in saying that, with few exceptions, all fighters do a lot of thinking as a fight approaches.

It is a well-known fact that a highly regarded champion of some years back was known to violate the early to bed and early to rise routine a fighter must adhere to. We had a chat one day in which he discussed his theories. "Ruby," he said, "I never left the city for a country training ground. At the camp all you do is think and talk about the fight. Almost all fighters are in bed by ten and up at seven for roadwork and then to the gymnasium for sparring sessions. I see nothing wrong in staying up to midnight to listen to some entertainment. I never take a drink or smoke, am in bed by one, up at ten and then to the gym at three. I feel far more relaxed that way."

Of course, his case was exceptional and I wouldn't recommend this to any fighter.

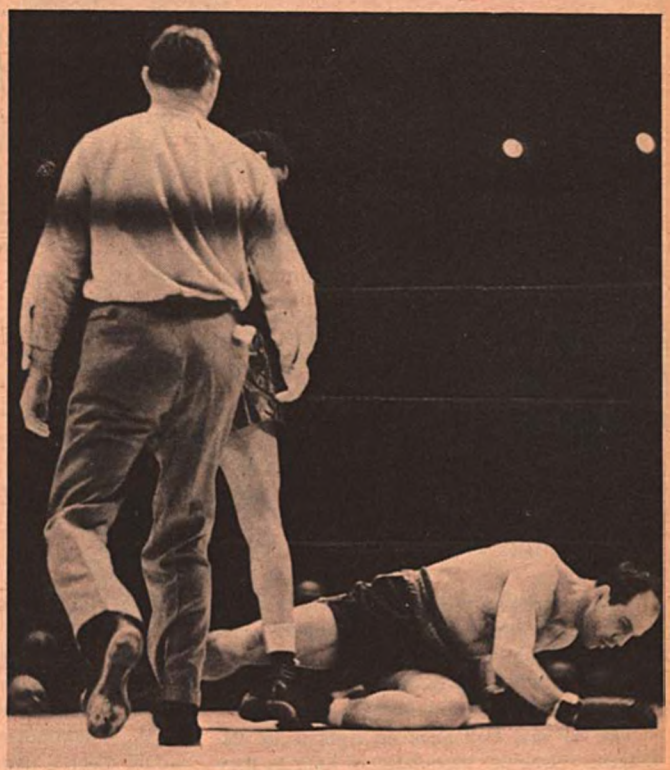
The dressing room before a fight is something to behold. Trainers and managers advise their charges to lie on a table and perhaps get some shut eye. In many cases this seems impossible. The excitement is too great. I've seen some fighters, who, as the saying goes, you could throw in with a lion, keep shadow boxing awaiting the opening bell. This is quite a moment.

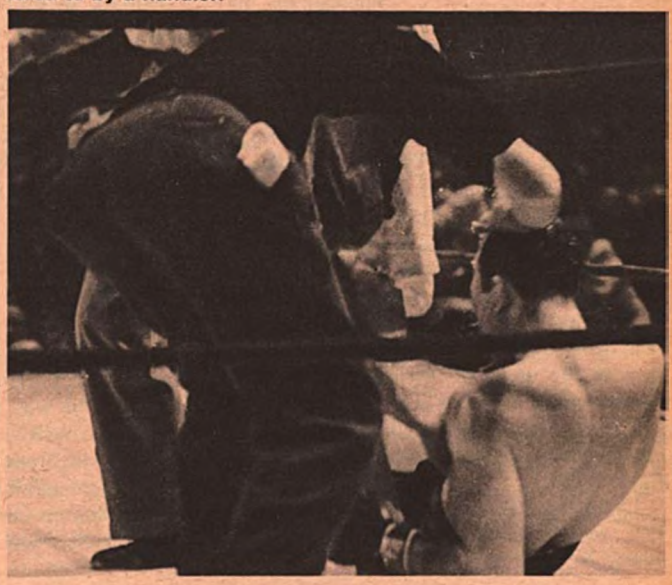
In March, 1940, Joe Louis defended his title in New York against Johnny Paycek. It was a knockout victory for Louis in round two. It has often been said that Paychek froze in the dressing room before entering the ring. I can't attest to this but it sounds plausible because when you are about to meet a great fighter like Louis you do an awful lot of thinking which could be a disaster.

After the Madison Square Garden bout in which Joe Frazier KO'ed Jerry Quarry, there was some talk that Quarry wasn't his usual bold self but somewhat scared. A couple of highly regarded writers shared this opinion. I personally don't know and it is doubtful whether Quarry will ever tell me so.

Near the start of this column I mentioned the word "yellow" being tagged on a fighter. The physical makeup and style of fighting can give such an impression. Some fighters are gifted with a strong body, strong jaw and don't mind taking two to land one. By comparison, this makes a more cautious boxer look timid.

Truthfully, there have been many fighters who didn't take a punch too well but always tried their best. If you look at the records you'll discover that I was on the floor more than Johnson's Wax.





(Above) Joe Louis in the act of destroying Johnny Paychek, back in March, 1940. Paychek is on the canvas for the first of three knockdowns in the opening round. When Johnny hit the canvas in the second round, referee Arthur Donovan called a halt at 44 seconds of the round. (Below) Paychek being ministered to by a handler.

PUNCH LINES

AGREES WITH RING

BEFORE the Supreme Court made the final decision on Clay's case I wrote you a letter attacking your support of him as champion and to go along with the others. But being much older and wiser, I hope, I must admit you were in the right all the time. Everyone, no matter how guilty he may seem, is to have his day in court.

This is not to say I now support Muhammad Ali's views, but the "rights of all", and The Ring obviously believes in the same thing.

Jim Smith
Falls City, Nebr.

NEWSPAPERS TAKE WRONG SLANT

Many newspapers around the country are neglecting boxing news of importance.

They devote columns to auto racing, a deadly "sport", and tossing away results of fights in which I am interested.

The AP and UPI have no right to be the judges on boxing, especially so long as they report every linebacker's bloody nose.

I am entitled to the boxing news of the world no matter what the owners and editors of major papers think of boxing.

Joseph Freundlich
Philadelphia, Pa.

FEW FLEW TO ZAIRE

I was not surprised by the collapse of Swissair plans to fly a lot of Americans to Zaire for the big fight. The failure of the air scheme was just one of a few flaws in the plans for the Battle of the Congo.

New York and the Garden are having their troubles insofar as boxing is concerned but New York always will be the capital of the fight world and certainly does not have to fear being pushed aside by a nickel size nation in the heart of Africa. Not even by London or Paris or Los Angeles.

The Garden situation will straighten itself out and New York again will dominate the fight setup.

I like the idea of stepping out of my office, walking a couple of blocks to a good eatery for dinner and walking a couple of blocks to the fight scene.

That, it seems to me, beats taking all sorts of shots and spending a few thousand dollars to reach some distant point for a fight which may go 45 minutes or 45 seconds.

Henry J. Herman
New York, N.Y.

WILL MISS AILEEN

We boxing fans in Los Angeles already miss Mrs. Aileen Eaton as chief of the boxing setup at the Olympic. She has moved out as the active directing force at the arena, leaving Don Chargin in command. She sits on the sidelines ready to help.

Mrs. Eaton deserves a long vacation. She did a splendid job at the arena. She supervised every department, weighed the allure of every important match, gave Los Angeles what it wanted in the way of attractive boxing and she gave the fans an honest administration.

Gradually Aileen will move out of the picture and Chargin will take over completely. He is a good man for the job.

He could have moved to a bigger job elsewhere but chose to remain here, with his friends and his fans.

We just want to tell the boxing world that a fine lady has decided to take a little rest and that she will be missed in spite of the high calibre of her replacement.

Eaton Admirers,
Los Angeles, Calif.

THAT FEDERAL CZAR

Once again there is a lot of talk about a Federal boxing czar. The dope around New Castle is that our member of the House, Mr. Clark, is composing a bill which, if passed, would place a national director of boxing in Washington.

Clark is experienced and an old friend of the fight game. That he is behind the bill is complete assurance that it is solid and worthwhile.

Boxing in the United States needs not only strict regulation but boosting. It is going in the wrong direction when a big fight for the heavyweight title has to go to Zaire. That fight belonged in this country, in New York, specifically.

In any event, we need a Federal boxing boss and the sooner we get one the better.

Hardy Crane
New Castle, Pa.

IN MEMORIAM

Oliver "Ollie" Wilson, began his quiet boxing career more than a decade ago. In that time, he was iced by George Foreman, Cleveland Williams, and Eddie Machen. Last year his career came to a sudden stop. He was shot and killed.

Most boxing fans never heard of Wilson, or his death. Most care never to know. But Ollie Wilson is not the only veteran heavyweight boxer to die violently outside of the ring, in the past 14 years.

Young Jack Johnson, the slick boxer of the mid 50's and early 60's, who had fight fans on the edge of their seats, also died violently. In 1964 a knife ended his short life.

And remember sad-faced Roger Rischer, whose career spanned 1953-1968? He was shot and killed in a hotel shoot-out.

These boxers are just a few of the many fighters who died and were forgotten. I write this so that their names will be remembered, at least for today.

Sherman A. Bergman
Miami Beach, Fla.

INFLATION IN BOXING

Everything about the Foreman-Ali fight smacked of inflation and boxing self destruction. I could not aspire to a trip to Zaire and got ready to watch the proceedings on a theatre screen.

I was informed that the entrance fee at our local theatre was $15. I was told that this was a comparatively low fee as New York was charging $20 and $30.

It seems that with each fighter getting five million dollars, the price of seeing the screen version of the scrap had to be high enough to guarantee the promoters a profit.

What I am getting at is that too many things have gone wrong in boxing and there seems to be small chance of correcting the faults at an early date.

Non-professional promoters are ruining the business and are shutting off the real pros.

I am sorry. I had been a boxing buff for 40 years.

Hyman Dorsky
Chicago, Ill.

TITLES WON IN THE RING

What with the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council being at war, each trying to outdo the other in creating havoc, big damage and popular confusion, the average fan has a hard time in knowing who holds which championship.

I used to be able to run off the list of titleholders. But now I cannot do so because the two international organizations change decisions overnight.

The Ring policy, established many years ago, is that world championships are won and lost in the ring, unless a titleholder retires and vacates his niche.

Of late we have run into a new wrinkle. We have, in Carlos Monzon, a champion who will not fight and will not retire.

If Monzon finds the movies more to his liking he should announce his retirement from the fight game. He owes it much and should help it along and not create confusion. Patterson is no champion but he, too, should make his retirement official. Let us have law and order.

Harry T. Trowbridge
Los Angeles, Calif.

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

BOBBY Britton, son of the great former welter king, Jack Britton, now living at 167 W. Lake Drive, Hallandale, Florida, recently surprised us with a long epistle. "Pa" Britton, as you know, was one of our great favorites and second to none as a master at jabbing when he was boss of the welterweights. What a kick to hear from the son. My dad, Benjamin, knew his father Jack, when they were around Barryville, N.Y. Jim Stewart, a heavyweight at the time, was also in the same clan.

Jack Britton, in our book, was one of the best in his division. His uncanny left jab, masterful footwork and all-around performance were electrifying. His 20-odd fights with London's great warrior, the late Ted Kid Lewis, produced several masterpieces of Britton's all-around ability when he was part of the Dan Morgan entourage, along with ex-light heavyweight champion, Battling Levinsky, and K.O. Brown, who once had champion Ad Wolgast in trouble in their ten round non-title affair at the old Pioneer A.C. on West 44th St. When Britton was good, he was almost untouchable.

Young Bobby, who was taught what he knew and was managed by his illustrious parent, didn't do badly by any matter of figuring. You could hardly expect to top the old master, but Bobby did very well, to say the least. He talks of competition with champions Fritzie Zivic, Lew Jenkins, Freddie 'Red' Cochrane, Marty Servo and Petey Sarron, all world champions. Also, such title contenders as the Cocoa Kid, and Wesley Ramey, among others. "Pop, in his early fifties," writes Bobby, "was my chief sparring partner and even if I do say, to say the least, he was fantastic. Pop was such a quiet, pleasant, unassuming man that many of those who met him for the first time never realized he had been a great boxing champion." We who knew him, Bobby, agree with your sentiments for he was not only a standout as a titleholder but a perfect gentleman.

Young Bobby, after finishing his freshman year at Florida University in 1936, became a benedict at the age of 18. He and his wife Jeannie are proud parents of three offspring, who are in their thirties, and have seven grandchildren, all of whom live within a ten mile radius of them.

To Bobby and his gang from all of us on The Ring always the best including his many pals around the country who'll attest to his dad's great qualifications and well remember his fighting offspring. Bobby also writes that John Sirica, chief judge in the recent Watergate trials, has always been a close friend of the Britton family and more than once donned the gloves in training workouts at the Roney Plaza with Jack and Gene Tunney, just before Gene's embarkation for Chicago for the 2nd get together with Jack Dempsey in Chicago's Soldier Field, in September, 1927.

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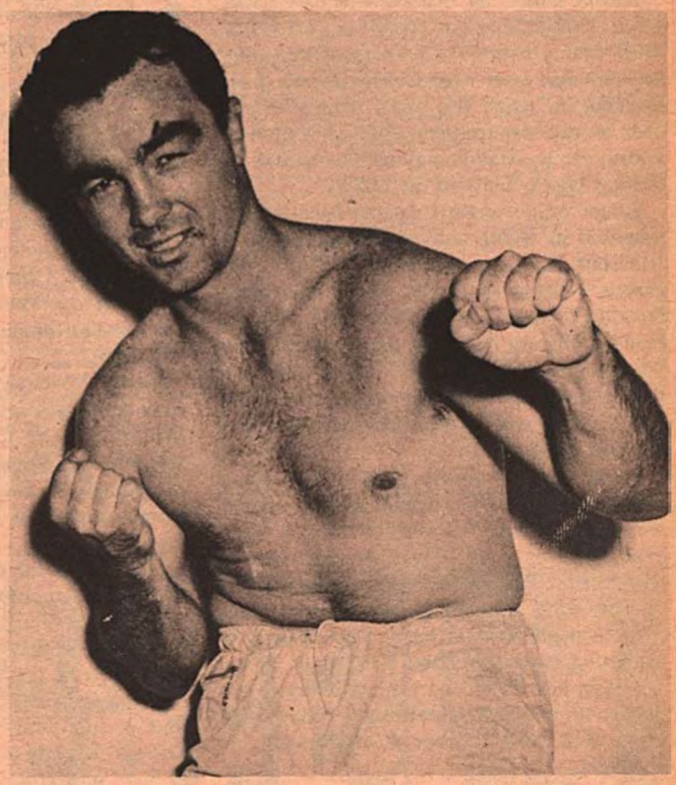
Jack Dempsey and Harry Hershfield, famous cartoonist and author of Abe Kabibble, as well as a raconteur, recently appeared at the Manhattan Savings Bank, 385 Madison Ave., to launch a week's campaign. It was called "Cartoons of the Roaring Twenties" and daily sessions were held between 12 and 2 o'clock. Our own Bill Gallo and famous cartoonist of the Daily News who heads the society, invited us and we were welcomed, along with other outstanding figures to make an appearance in behalf of the promotional get-together.

Chairman of the Board Russell G. Smith, and Jean Madsen, affable assistant vice-president of the Manhattan Savings Bank, along



BOBBY BRITTON

with other members of the outfit met and made the visiting firemen comfortable. The cartoonists were amazing. Bob Dunn, a great M.C. in his own right, handled the mike and introduced the various cartoonists, and many a visitor walked away with a likeness of himself.

Gallo is President of the National Cartoonists and those on hand that day, all doing their caricaturing bit, were George Wolf, Henry Boltinoff, Don Orehek, Frank Fogarty, Otto Soglow, Al Smith, former boxer Sam Galy, coordinator of the exhibit and chairman of the NCS traveling exhibit, and Stan Kay, all known for their cartoons in newspapers throughout the world.

The promotion was a good one and the cartoonists, for conducting the weekly show, were rewarded by the bank with a handsome contribution which goes to their fund for ailing members and others who may need financial assitance. It was, as far as we are concerned, a delightful experience, happy to have been an invited guest.

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Speaking of Sam Galy, just for the record, back in 1931 he was the flyweight, bantam, featherweight and lightweight champion of Palestine, as an amateur. . .Also, he was a member of the British Army in World War II, and, as a welterweight, won the championship of the British Army in North Africa in 1943.

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STEVENSON NO PHENOMENON AS HE BEATS STINSON, U.S., IN HAVANA INTERNATIONALS

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The Russian, who won a gold medal in the Munich Olympics, was favored to take this one.

Russia scored its first gold medal victory when Vasily Solomin scored a two round TKO victory over Simon Cutov of Rumania. Solomin had won over Cuban favorite Luis Eschaide to reach the finals. Cutov scored over bronze star recipient Jose L. Vellon of Puerto Rico. Vellon gained his medal by beating James Kenty of the U.S.A.

Junior welterweight Ugandan Ayub Kalule surprised in taking a clean 5-0 verdict over Vladimir Kolev, of Bulgaria. Equally surprising was the victory he scored over West German favorite Ulrich Beyer in the semi-finals. Cuba got back into the winning circle when welterweight Emilio Correa scored a three round kayo over Clinton Jackson of the U.S.A. This was 20-year-old Jackson's first KO loss in 96 battles.

Cuba won its fourth gold medal when junior middleweight Rolando Garbey scored another disputed 3-2 verdict over a Venezuelan. This time it was Alfredo Lemus who lost but Garbey had tougher competition coming into the finals. He had to beat Munich medal winner Peter Tiepold as well as the highly-rated Russian Klimanov.

Russia had its second medal victory in the person of middleweight Rufat Riskiev — a close 3-2 verdict over Alec Nastac, of Rumania.

Munich gold medal winner Mate Parlov, light heavyweight of Yugoslavia, was too strong for U.S.S.R.'s Oleg Karotaev and the bout was stopped in the second in favor of the Slav.

Although Vasili Solomin was designated as the best boxer of the tournament many experts thought this honor should have gone to Bantam Wilfredo Gomez, of Puerto Rico, who not only won all his bouts by the kayo route but also displayed exceptional skill.

Wilfredo was the only victor over a Cuban in the finals. Of the six Cubans that went into the finals Jorge Luis Romero, with 149 fights to his credit, and an eight year edge over his 17-year-old rival from Puerto Rico, was listed as a sure bet to win.

Two successive gold star wins by the local latins and the shouts of "Cuba, Cuba, Cuba" with rhythmic applause did not prevent Gomez from scoring his kayo upset. Questioned as to whether he was impressed by his rival's superior record and experience after his Romero victory, Gomez stated: "I had recently beaten another Cuban of greater fame. He is Orlando Martinez, who won a medal in the Munich Olympics. This gave me the confidence I needed to whip this other guy."

Gomez' victory over Martinez was also considered an upset. It was a gold medal triumph in the Central American games celebrated in Santo Domingo recently. Veteran Martinez did not participate in these games celebrated in Havana because of an arm injury.

The only gold medal won by the U.S.A. was an extremely close one scored by featherweight Howard Davis over Munich gold medal winner Boris Kuznetsov. This one could also be considered an upset. The Russian had over 220 bouts with only 12 losses and is ten years older than 17-year-old Davis. Kuznetsov is a professional by U.S.A. standards.

WORLD RATINGS

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welters as he no longer could make the weight — 140 pounds.

He has announced his desire to take a shot at Jose Napoles for the welterweight title and reportedly will be accomodated.

The Arcari action was of better than ordinary importance since he had been listed as the world champion of the junior welters by the WBC. The Ring regards Antonio Cervantes, of Colombia, as the titleholder in that division. The WBC champion is Pedro Fernandez, Spain.

The ratings in the lightweight class got a reshuffling. The Ring no longer could retain Ken Buchanan as No. 1. He had not fought for some time and had to be replaced by Ray Lampkin, of Portland, Oregon.

The light heavyweight title was left open by the announced retirement of Bob Fosrer. The No. 1 contender still is Jorge Ahumada, of the Argentine, who fought Foster to a draw.

There was only one change in the heavyweight class. Ron Lyle, of Denver, who stopped Boone Kirkman, moved into No. 3 and Ken Norton was dropped into No. 4.

ACTION APLENTY, KOS COME OFTEN IN VEGAS

By HELEN SARGE

Las Vegas, Nev. — Here are the results of recent fight cards at the Silver Slipper:

No. 1 — No card due to dropout of two prelim bouts.

No. 2 — 10 rds, middleweights, King George Aidoo, 163, Paterson, N.J. KO'ed Dale Grant, 163, Tocoma, first round.

Semi, 8 rds, Koli Vailea, Phoenix, 181, KO'ed Cipriano Hernandez, L.A., 179, first round.

Ron Gibbons, 145, Las Vegas, KO'ed Fernandez Saens, Phoenix, 5 rds.

Joe Ricco, 126, L.A., stopped Al Sandoval, 126, Phoenix, round one of five rounder.

No. 3 — 10 rds, middleweights, James Marshall, 154½, stopped King George Aidoo, 159, round one.

Semi, 8 rds, Joey Ricco, 124, Tucson, KO over Plasi Domora, 124, Phoenix, round 2.

Ronnie Gibbons, 149, Las Vegas welter, KO over Tony Seanz, 153, Phoenix, in a scheduled 5 rounder.

5 rds., Jessie Diaz, 123, Tucson, lost a close split decision to Cande Jglesias, 121, Phoenix.

No. 4 — 10 rds. lightweights, Art Leon, 133, Tucson, stopped Victor Baerga, 131, New York. Baerga failed to answer bell for round seven.

Semi, 6 rds., Roy Holloway, 137, L.A. scored a unanimous decision over Alan Gantt, 137, Tucson.

5 rds., Joey Ricco, 119, Tucson, unanimous win over John Zaldivar, L.A.

5 rds., Ronnie Gibbons, Las Vegas, KO'ed Robert Ramirez, 143, Tucson, round one. Gibbons' weight was 146.

Jesse (Chuco) Garcia, 157, San Diego, KO'ed King George Aidoo, 159, Las Vegas, 1:40 of the tenth round at the Silver Slipper.

Juan Morales, 140, L.A., KO'ed John Copeland, 136, Joplin, 2:12 of the fourth round. Scheduled for six.

Ron Gibbons, 145, Las Vegas, KO'ed Rex Turner, 146, Houston, 2:22 of the second round. Scheduled for six.

Ezra Davis, 145, Las Vegas, KO'ed Joe Boyd, 142, Los Angeles, 2:39 of the first round. Scheduled for six.

Art Leon, 133, won unanimous decision over Dave Kibby, 136, Crescent City, Calif.

Jody Ballard, 195, Houston, scored TKO over Rocky Robinson, Los Angeles, Robinson weighed in at 200.

Robert Turner, 148, Los Angeles, got unanimous decision over Roger Buckskin, 145, Crescent City, Calif.

Ronnie Gibbons, 144, Los Angeles, won over Mike Swiger, 143, Detroit.

Andy Price, 145, San Diego, scored TKO in the 5th round, 2:53, over Fred Simenez, 147, San Jose.

Semi final, lightweights. Art Leon, 134, Tucson, won decision over Earl Young, 137, Salt Lake City.

Ronnie Gobbons, 144, Las Vegas, won unanimous decision over Juan Moralals, 140, Los Angeles, in six.

Robinson Garcia, Las Vegas, 150, KO over Frankie Kolovart, 148, Phoenix.

Leroy Jones, 145, Denver, won unanimous decision over Henry Culpepper, 210, Los Angeles.

Joey Ricco, 125, Tucson, won unanimous decision over Danny Young, 121, Phoenix.

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VETERAN MOYER LASTS 10 BUT VITO HAS PICNIC

By SAM TAUB

Denny Moyer, veteran campaigner from Portland, Ore., who holds a record for meeting men who held titles and victories over several of them, "Sugar" Ray Robinson and Emile Griffith, probably brought his Garden career to a finish when he was shut out by young Vito Antuefermo, from Bari, Italy, in their ten round scrap that featured an all-star program in Madison Square Garden. There was a turnout of 4,287 with the gate $30,049.02.

Antuofermo, pressing the action throughout, gave the veteran little chance to accomplish anything. The winner, 161, to the loser's 160¾, did a job on the Westerner and in several of the last rounds his attack to the face and body had Moyer looking ripe for a KO. But Denny, a wise old owl, stayed with his man throughout albeit he didn't accomplish too much against the youngster's rugged attack.

The winner suffered cuts over both eyes, despite his lopsided victory. Referee Arthur Mercante had it 7-2-1, judge Jack Gordon 10-0-0 and judge Harold Lederman, 9-1-0, all for Vito.

A supporting ten saw Livio Nolasco, from the Dominican Republic, 129½, score a surprisingly easy win over favored Domenico Monaco, Naples, 132. Nolasco took command from the outset. In spots Monaco was sluggish. It was a majority victory, with judge Harold Lederman having it 6-4 and judge Jack Gordon 6-3-1 for Nolasco, while referee Joe Santarpia had it 5-5 and called it a draw.

Nolasco, on our score card, had won only the first and final round when the winner suffered a badly lacerated left eye. There was plenty of action.

A pair of eights were also staged, both handled by referee Paul Venti. Pedro Soto, of Newark, N.J., 179, was credited with a unanimous win over Ray Ayala, also 179, albeit quite a few in the audience did a bit of booing. We thought Ayala did the better work and was the aggressor throughout.

As for the other eight, undefeated Mike Rossman, from Turnersville, N.J., 161, scored a fourth round TKO over Nat Dixon, of Philadelhia, 160½, only man to have a draw with the winner. Dixon was on queer street in the third and Rossman was readying him for the finish when the referee intervened.

▲They had another first in the Felt Forum. Eddie Gregory, Jack Singer's ambitious middleweight, sprang something new. It was not identical but somewhat similar to the incident between Jack Delaney and Tiger Flowers in the old Madison Avenue Garden. Gregory twice scored a kayo over the Philadelphia dynamo, Eugene "Cyclone" Hart, in what was billed as the ten round feature.

Not only did Hart get flattened once but twice by Gregory, before a hysterical turnout was able to call it quits for the night, the second blast coming after the elapse of 57 seconds of the fourth round.

It was quite a mixup. Referee Barney Smith's version was that the first time the "Cyclone" headed for the canvas was after the bell had sounded. We at ringside saw a flurry of blows to the Quaker's head just before the bell rang. Immediately after Hart collapsed, two of the Boxing Commission doctors jumped in to administer to the fallen gladiator, who finally arose.

Meanwhile, Gregory, believing he had registered a knockout, jubilantly grabbed trainer Chickie Ferrara and spun him around the ring. Then came the referee telling the boys to clear out the corners and come out fighting again.

They did and even though Hart managed to land a few punches, his opponent, who had only an 8-1-1 record as a pro, completed the job he had apparently finished in round one. He finally flattened his man in round four, as the Pennsylvanian made a feeble effort to arise as the count-out took place. The Billy Jacobs man was a loser all the way.

Gregory weighed 161 and his opponent, 157.

The Hughes twins, Bobby and Al, scored wins in their respective skirmishes. Bobby, a cutey, pranced around the ring and depended on a left jab which puzzled the favored Hector 'Chinito' Diaz, from Santo Domingo. Hughes scored unanimously as referee Herbie Kronowitz had it 7-1-2 and judge Ellsworth Smiley had it a shutout and judge Leo Dazzo, 8-2. Our score card read 6-3-1 for the winner. Hughes scaled 135½, Diaz 137½.

Brother Al Hughes, who showed up in the six spot against Justice Ortiz, Brooklyn, also scored unanimously in a hectic outing. Hughes, at 140, was one pound heavier than his opponent. Incidentally, the Hughes brothers are native New Yorkers.

Preceding these scraps was another six spot in which Jose Elias, from the Bronx, 161, scored a one round TKO over Julio Perez, from the Dominican Republic, who weighed 156. A flurry of blows, climaxed by a right to the jaw, dropped Perez and after the round ended, referee Barney Smith called it off, making it a one round TKO.

There was an oddity in the four rounder, a re-match between George Fakaras of Athens, Greece, 140, and Fulgencio Gonsales, from Mexico City, 136. It resulted in a unanimous win for Fakaras. This time the winner again dropped his man in the opening canto and then pounded him the rest of the way.

The show was a very good one. The turnout was 1,810 who paid $9,763 to see the fireworks.

▲The Benitez brothers, hailing from Puerto Rico, scored a twin victory in their eight round pairings against a set of twins hailing from little old New York. The final saw Wilfredo Benitez gain the more impressive win in the final of the evening when he registered a five round TKO over Al Hughes, both men scaling in at 141 pounds.

The first scrimmage in the brother vs brother confrontation, the scuffle went the limit with Frankie Benitez registering a unanimous win over Bobby Hughes, the winner weighing 138, and the loser 136¾.

Wilfredo Benitez and brother Frankie were both impressive. The result was eight straight wins for Wilfredo while Frankie's record now stands 13-1-0. Benitez is 18 years old and brother Frankie 19.

In a middleweight tussle, Jose Anglada, from the Dominican Republic, won a three round TKO over Jose Colon, from Puerto Rico, both scaling in at the same poundage, 159.

Completing the program, witnessed by approximately 2,000 who paid $9,700, were a pair of fours which went the distances. Richie Lugo, Bronxite, 143, lost the nod to Julio Garcia, from New York City, 144, while Marcos Barahona, 139, from Nicaragua, captured the duke over Jose Resto, 140, from New York.

HOGAN FINDS TIME, FLEMING TOO MUCH TO OPPOSE

By FRED BISHOP

Dartmouth, N.S. — Five years ago Kevin Hogan was an up and coming young heavyweight looking for a crack at George Chuvalo's Canadian title. He had 15 wins against only 2 losses with nine KOs going for him when he tangled up with rough punching Bill Drover, who stopped Hogan twice, in one round and then two.

Hogan retired but kept in shape training with Canada's hard hitting amateur Carroll Morgan. Morgan was training under veteran handler Tommy McCluskey, the top local cornerman who talked Hogan into giving it another try.

Hogan, at 206, was about eight pounds over his old fighting weight, met Reggie Flemming, 188, Cleveland. Flemming is no George Foreman nor would Hogan ever beat Muhammad Ali.

The 1200 fans who showed up got their money's worth. Hogan waltzed out in the first round but found out he could not cope with Flemming's left hand so it was back to the old walk-in style in the second, banging away to the body with left hooks that soon had the game visitor hanging on, but not hard enough as the local dropped him three times in this round and three more in the third, all for nine counts before referee Jack Delaney stopped at 2:08 of the third.

In a 10 round co-feature, Lawrence Hafey, 148, New Glasgow, got the scare of his career as Ernie Witt, 154, Akron, Ohio, split him wide open above the left eye midway through the third and only an all-out attack in the fourth saved him a sure loss. The cut required seven stitches to close. Referee Percy Paris pulled the wild punching Hafey off Witt at the 2:44 mark of the fourth.

In eight rounds and by far the best fight of a fine card, Geaton Hart, 153, Buckingham, Que. finished just a shade ahead of a young Ron Pettigrew, 145, Cleveland, by a split decision.

In four rounds, Kelly Oickle, 161, Sydney, N.S. made his pro debut a winning one by stopping Jimmy Jackson, 155, Dartmouth, with only 20 seconds left in the fourth. Kelly had come off the floor twice in the second to win a big one, you will hear more from this boy. Keith Dorey promoted.

▲**Stellarton, N.S.** — Barry Sponagle, 135, Stellarton, charged out of his corner at the first bell with both hands pumping, giving Cornell Hall, 125, Montreal, no foot room, beat the smaller man's body throughout the first round, shifted to the head in the second, midway through the round. A right smash nailed Hall on the way in and it was all over for the visitor, time 1:56, second round. It was sweet revenge for the local who had been robbed of a decision to Hall last month in Halifax. The win for Sponagle runs his record to 18-13-0 in 31 tries, he has nine KOs.

In the six round semi-final, fast moving Peter Linthorne, 150, Stellarton, won his sixth of the year as he outpointed Johnny Simpson, 155, Cleveland, in a thrilling toe to toe affair all the way with Linthorne's harder puncing the only difference. Linthorne is now 9-1-2 with six KOs.

In six rounds, Joe Bordon, 170, New Glasgow, received a surprise setback as visitor George Jacobs, 166, Akron, gained a unanimous decision in an all-out war, the best fight of a good card.

In the opener, scheduled for four, Gary McNeil, 140, Trenton, N.S. stopped veteran Rollie Thibeault, 136, Dartmouth, N.S. midway through the second.

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GANT PACKS TOO MUCH POWER FOR CANADA'S HENRY

By EDWARD SCULLEN

Alexandria, Va. — Boxing returned to the capital area for the first time since the Bonavena-Middleton card presented in May at the Capital Centre. Promoter Paul Tibbs' lively six-bout card provided good entertainment for a small crowd at the Alexandria Roller rink.

In the feature ten, Washington's Johnny Gant, 142, YKO'ed Jim Henry, 144, Montreal, at 2:07 of the eighth round.

Henry proved to be more than willing as he absorbed a steady barrage of left jabs, from the ranked welterweight. When stung by a particularly hard punch, Henry reacted not unlike an ornery mule as he pranced, shuffled, and tried to bull his way through his tormentor.

But in the closing rounds of the abbreviated contest, the Montreal fighter was slowed to a walk and then a crawl as the volume of punches took effect. In the eighth round when Gant succeeded in draping Henry over the ropes by means of an uppercut and overhand right, referee Charlie Reynolds stopped the slaughter.

Although outgunned in every round, and in no shape to continue, Henry vehemently protested the ref's call. The largely pro-Gant crowd rewarded Henry with a strong ovation.

The Alexandria fans were given a preview of things to come, when the first two bouts ended in K.O.'s.

In the first bout, Sparky Wheeler, 144, Washington, KO'ed John Davis, 143, New York, at 1:02 of the second round.

▲Washington boxers continued their winning ways as local fighter Smokey Middleton, 177, KO'ed Henry Wilkens, 168, New York, at 1:28 of the second. Middleton proved to be the more accurate puncher, as he swarmed over Wilkens, catching him with a variety of punches before finishing the New Yorker with a big right hand.

The next bout was a six round war between Tyrone Phelps, 144, New York, and C.J. Faison, 146, Washington.

Phelps provided most of the aggression as he came out strutting and prancing in his leopard skin trunks. Faison, a much more conservative type, was content to counterpunch his charging opponent. Both fighters showed plenty of heart in this six rounder fought with no quarter given.

▲The next contest was over almost before it started. Avon Little, 144, Washington, KO'ed L. C. Mack, 141, New York, at 1:33 of the first. Little and Mack were fighting on nearly even terms, when Little landed several body shots and then a chopping right, stretching Mack for the full count.

Next came the main event with results as recorded above. The final bout of the evening was an interesting match up between Blue Walker, 138, Washington and Jose Resto, 134, New York.

The short hard-charging Resto proved to be an excellent body puncher but was hampered later in the bout by the shortness of his arms. Walker, after suffering some early round discomfort, learned to box at a distance keeping his shorter foe at bay, to earn the decision.

It was later announced that promoter Paul Tibbs will return to Alexandria with an Oct. 1 card headlined by the number 10 U.S. middleweight, Mike Baker. His opponent will be the veteran Song Bird Williams.

PADUANO OVER LECLAIR, WHO BEGS OFF ON PLEA OF "NO SEE."

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Montreal — Chalk up another first for Montreal in Canadian boxing. The fine promotion of Regis Levesque between two local boxers, Donato Paduano and Jean Claude Leclair, drew 15,200 fans to the turnstiles who racked up a whooping $155,042 at the box office.

The entire card, made up of two ten round bouts and a pair of eight rounders, did not include any high rated world boxers, all the contestants hailed from the province of Quebec. The superb promotion and publicity achieved by Regis Levesque prior to the bouts stamps him as the #1 boxing promoter in Canada. The fight was won by Paduano, TKO in 7.

Donato Paduano with 46 bouts on his record and former Canadian welterweight title was guaranteed $10,000 or 25% of the gate, Leclair with an unbeaten 16 pro bouts to his credit was guaranteed $7,000 or 10½ of the live gate. Ticket prices scaled $6, $10 and $15.

The fight itself was a 'must' for Paduano, who was fighting to maintain his ranking as the top box office attraction in Montreal. He was conceeding six years in age, height and reach to the unbeaten Leclair.

Paduano scaled 153¾, Leclair came in at a surprising light 155¼. The contracts had called for him to make 158. The fight started off in fine style with the younger Leclair winning the first two rounds. Warming up to the task on hand, Paduano started to find the range on his taller opponent during the third round by stepping inside his opponent's leads and beating him to the punch with stinging left jabs to the face and head.

By the end of the fifth round the pattern of the fight had turned in favor of Paduano, who was controlling the action.

In the sixth round with the action barely underway, Leclair complained to referee Marcel Lavigne that he couldn't see. He continued to complain throughout the round, in the meantime Paduano was continuously scoring with his rapier like left hand punches.

At the conclusion of the round the ringside physician was called in to check Leclair's eyes. After an examination and conference between Leclair's cornermen, manager George Drouin called a halt to the proceedings leaving Paduano a TKO winner in the seventh round.

It was an abrupt ending to the bout. There were no knockdowns while it lasted and neither man showed any visible cuts to the eyes. Paduano's experience combined with copybook boxing had him well on the way to victory when the bout was halted.

In the semifinal, ten rounds, Fernand Marcotte (Quebec) 153½, gave Bob Shelling (Chicoutimi), 165¼, a going over. Despite the weight difference it was Marcotte who carried the fight and controlled it throughout.

Marcotte's blows carried power, he opened up Shelling's eye in the fifth round and in the sixth round when Shelling had been dropped for the eight count the referee called a halt to the bout which had become very one sided. It was an impressive win for Marcotte as Shelling had fought Paduano to a ten round decision six weeks prior to the fight.

In a pair of eight round fights, Paul Collette (Montreal), 137, took the measure of Fred Legace (Quebec), 145¼, by scoring a TKO in six rounds and Jim Henry (Montreal), stopped Jean Guy Binette, 156¼, in the fifth round.

▲**Toronto** — As a result of a twelve round bout held in a local TV studio before some 200 non-paying fans, Johnny Summerhays (Brantford), 134, by virtue of his decision win over Danny Stokes (Toronto), 132, is now the Canadian lightweight champion.

The title had been declared vacant when Al Ford (Edmonton) failed to defend.

Pre-fight promotion and publicity was negligible, press coverage after the fight, even for a national title, was likewise.

During the entire thirty-six minutes the bout lasted it was boring and repetitious.

Summerhays, a rough well conditioned brawler put on an exhibition of the 'clutch' which even the former world champion, Sammy Angott, would have approved of. Stokes, age twenty two, just graduated from six round bouts, lacked the experience to cope with the seasoned Summerhays. A bewildered and frustrated Stokes failed to get un-tracked throughout, Summerhays, round after round, proceeded to put holds on his opponent which would have put some wrestlers to shame.

There were no knockdowns in the brawl due to the fact that both contestants were so tied up with each other they had no room to fall down. At the bell to signal the end of the bout the officials had to be as confused as the fans watching. After much deliberation, Summerhays was awarded the decision. It was announced that the championship fight was a first studio showing in Canada, could be that was the reason why both fighters were not tossed out for flagrant disregard of the rules. The taped film could be useful as a fill-in between commercials on the local TV station.

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ESCALERA SCORES IN SEVEN AS ARREDONDO SHOWS NOTHING

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

Roberto Clemente Stadium, San Juan, Puerto Roci — Former junior lightweight titleholder Ricardo Arredondo proved to be a false alarm in his scheduled ten round encounter against Alfredo Escalera.

Referee Falu-Quinones called a halt during the middle of the seventh round, disqualifying Arredondo and awarding the fight to Escalera.

Arredondo, who had announced his retirement following his title loss to Shibata in Japan six months ago had absolutely nothing on the ball.

A $10,000 guarantee plus all expenses paid induced him to make this brief comeback. The apparently poorly trained Arredondo came in at an all time high of 137 pounds, giving him a five pound advantage. He grabbed and tugged at his opponent and his only apparent intent was to last the ten rounds. The decision of the referee to halt the farce met with unanimous approval of the 7,000 fans present.

Escalera tried to make the best of a difficult situation but did not perform up to expectations. He could not land his favored sweeping over and underhand blows. Arredondo, on the other hand, perpetrated a hoax.

Junior welter Laudiel Negron swamped Alvaro Parra with blows from all angles, dropping his rather confused Mexican import on three occasions and causing ref Allen Daniels to call a halt in the first heat of a scheduled ten.

In another ten, featherweight Benjamin Ortiz scored a round TKO over his rival from south of the border, Lupe Aguilar. Lupe tossed lots of leather but had little power or defense against his faster punching opponent.

In a six round hard punching mess, welter Nick Ortiz didn't look too good in the first round against the more artful Eddie Correa but pulled the chestnuts off the fire by flattening his opponent in the second.

Angel Espada scored an impressive ten round verdict over tireless Californian Armando Muniz but not before receiving the scare of his life in the eighth round. For seven rounds it was all Espda, boxing well, hooking effectively, staggering, on four occasions, the apparently indestructible Muniz. The fans loved it but in the unexpected reversal of form in the eighth, Armando uncorked a left hook that had Espada on queer street.

Luckily for Angel, Muniz was energy sapped from the terrific pace that these boys had maintained and could not put across a KO. Espada grabbed for dear life with the bell coming to his aid.

Excellent between rounds help from Nick Acosta put Espada in shape to take the upper hand in the ninth round as Muniz once again was on the receiving end in the early part of the round.

The final round saw both boys go at it, looking for a kayo victory but Espada had the upper hand and the unanimous decision as well.

Feather Santos Rivera continued to win when Francisco Cruz called it quits in the seventh round of a scheduled ten. "Electrical" Cruz, as he is known, ran out of current and at one point just keeled over without being hit.

Lightweight Hector Medina added another victim to his long string of triumphs when he clouted Candy Wilson for two rounds and flattened him in the third. Medina should now be ready for much superior opposition.

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TEXAS, WITH FOUR WINNERS, TOPS AAU JUNIOR OLYMPICS

By PETE CAVA

Indianapolis, Ind. — Any rumors about the decline of boxing suffered a knockout in Peoria, Illinois, as 127 boxers from throughout the United States congregated for the 1974 National AAU Junior Olympic Championships at Bradley University. The tourney was the largest in the history of Illinois AAU boxing, according to Kenny Jones, retired editor of the Peoria Journal-Star who was involved in the state's Golden Gloves Championships for many years.

The contestants—all 14 and 15 years of age—boxed in 12 weight classes ranging from 90 to 165 pounds. They had qualified for the championships by winning in local, state, and regional competition. Four of the winners were Texans.

Ronald Shields of Port Arthur, a veteran of the '73 nationals in Cheyenne, Wyoming, had to use his left to defeat Dodge Center, Minnesota's Bruce Galley after jamming his right thumb in an earlier bout. The Shields-Galley bout was for the 125-pound class championship.

Bobby Epps of San Antonio, a slender 6-footer who says his goal is the 1976 Olympics, outpointed David Dean of Geraldine, Montana, for the 132-pound championship. Teddy Duron of Grand Prairie, another Olympic aspirant who packs a solid 138 pounds on a 5'4" frame, stopped Mike Jones of Billings, Montana, in their clash for the 139-pound title.

Houston's Terrance Garrick, the other Lone Star boxer to enter the finals, slugged his way past Jim Stafford of Hempstead, New York, for the 165-pound gold medal. The Garrick-Stafford match was halted by the referee in the third round.

The four Texas winners, plus a victory by Ricky Reed, of New Orleans, gave the tourney's Regional Championship Trophy to AAU Region 9, comprised of Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Reed, operating in the 90-pound weight class, turned back three opponents to earn his way into the title bout. He faced Jerry Page of Columbus, Ohio (who defeated the highly-touted Zenith Burkes of Compton, California, in a quarter-final match), and took the decision.

A strong Region 1 contingent took second-place. Along with Jim Stafford's silver medal, the boxers from New York, Northern New Jersey, and the New England states produced another second-place finisher and two gold medalists. Domenie "Pepper" Roach, of Dedham, Mass., took the 95-pound title while Marlin Starling, of Hartford, Conn., chalked up a win in the 156-pound class.

"The name of the game is boxing, and that's just what Pepper did," said Roach's father after the 15-year-old Dedham High sophomore outpointed Denver's Dennie Maestes. Starling, who says boxing in the '76 Olympics "means the whole world" to him, gained a decision over Ricky Weigal of Pasadena, California.

The other Region 1 finalist was Tom McNeece of Oakdale, New York, who lost to Matt Snowden of Morristown, Tenn. for the 156-pound crown. Snowden, a well-built, all-around athlete, won the bout when McNeece was disqualified for repeated holding. Snowden's reaction to victory differed from the other winners. "Football is really my favorite sport," said Snowden, a 5'10" defensive lineman on the Morristown West High School team. "I don't know if I want to box in the Olympics, but I think I'll stick with the sport for a while."

The tourney's only repeat winner was Robert Newcomb, of Portland, Oregon. Newcomb kept up his two-year winning streak in the Chevrolet-sponsored AAU Junior Olympic Nationals by defeating Chris Linson of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

"I got him with a short left hook combined with a right cross," Newcomb explained after the referee stopped the bout in the second round. Newcomb picked up a gold medal in the 106-pound category in '73.

In other championship action, Tarry Butner of Adelphi, Maryland, went home a winner, besting Randy Cordova of Belen, New Mexico, in the 100-pound class.

Fourteen-year-old Bernard Mays, of Detroit, boxing in the 106-pound class, outpointed Tyrone Stewart of Washington, D.C. "It feels great to be the champ," said Mays, who had finished second in the 95-pound class last year.

In the 112-pound title bout Robert "Corky" Curry of Stewartville, Minnesota, with two and a half years of boxing experience to his credit, outclassed Randy McNurlin of Chehalis, Washington. "Boxing is in my blood," explained Curry, a bronze medalist in '73. "My dad and four brothers are all boxers."

After the final bout the boxers, their coaches, and families were feted at a banquet hosted by the Peoria Jaycees and the Peoria Boxing Club, local co-sponsors of the event. At the banquet, the outstanding boxers of each weight division received their trophies. Matt Snowden took the Heavyweight award. The Middleweight Division trophy went to Ronald Shields while Bernard Mays took the Lightweight Division award. The Sportsmanship trophy went to Jerry Page.

Roland Schwartz, of Cincinnati, National AAU Boxing Chairman, addressed the gathering and expressed optimism for America's future in international competition, crediting the AAU Junior Olympic program as a training ground for America's future competitors.

Highlights of the three-day championships were televised on CBS-TV Sports Spectacular. Results of the title bouts follow:

90 lbs.; Ricky Reed defeated Jerry Page (points)
95 lbs.; Pepper Roach defeated Dennie Maestes (points)
100 lbs.; Tarry Butner defeated Randy Cordova (points)
106 lbs.; Bernard Mays defeated Tyrone Stewart (points)
112 lbs.; Corky Curry defeated Randy McNurlin (points)
119 lbs.; Robert Newcomb defeated Chris Linson (RSC-2nd round)
125 lbs.; Ronald Shields defeated Bruce Galley (points)
132 lbs.; Bobby Epps defeated David Dean (points)
139 lbs.; Teddy Duron defeated Mike Jones (RSC-1st round)
147 lbs.; Marlin Starling defeated Ricky Weigal (points)
156 lbs.; Matt Snowden defeated Tom McNeece (disqualification)
165 lbs.; Terrance Garrick defeated Jim Stafford (RSC-3rd round)

*RSC - Referee Stopped Contest

HAITI'S JEUDI WHIPS DOMINICAN FIGUEROA IN 8

By JACQUES DESCHAMPS, JR.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti — Yves Jeudi, lightweight champion of Haiti, looked good in beating Dominican Republic's Jose Figueroa in an eight rounder. The import never had a chance against the sharp shooting Haitian who knocked him down in the sixth and opened cuts over Figueroa's eyes in the last round.

Luckily for the Dominican this one was scheduled for only eight. The decision was all in favor of Jeudi. The loser, 132, and the winner, 130.

In a red hot return Haiti's bantamweight Kid Semelle and Dominican Ernesto Dilla fought to a draw. It was action all the way with Semelle scoring a knockdown in the second. Semelle had won their previous meeting.

On another show in the Port-au-Prince Gymnasium, Yves Jeudi came out on top again with a ten round victory over Freddy Diaz, of the Dominican Republic. Kid Semelle was a KO winner this time when Juan de los Santos could not answer the bell for the fourth round.

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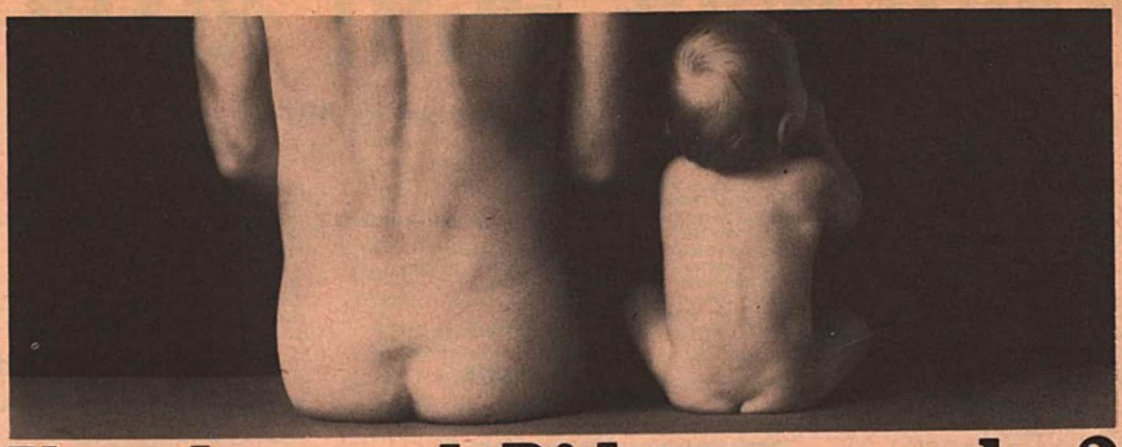

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GARDNER SCORES DOUBLE VICTORY IN OKLAHOMA

By TOM RAY

Oklahoma City, Okla. — Chalk up two victories for Tony Gardner, 153, Oklahoma's most interesting fighter of the current crop.

Gardner stopped Iron Man Christian, Canada, in the tenth, via the three knockdown rule. The Canadian hit the deck nine times during the fight. For his other victory Gardner picked Mexico's Sal Martinez via a KO in the third round.

While the Canadian was down nine times and lost in the tenth via the three knockdown rule, he never quit trying and it was no easy win for Gardner. Christian came to fight and fight he did!

Both men were hurt in the first round with hard combinations to the head, but Gardner came back in the second to drop his Canadian foe twice with hard rights. Christian, however, would not be denied, and he turned the tide in the third dropping Gardner with a hard left hook to the head.

The fourth was hard fought with Christian holding the edge with his sharp left jabs but Tony came on in the fifth to shake Christian with some hard left hook-right cross combinations.

Both men were down in the even sixth from hard left hooks but in the seventh, Gardner dropped Christian with a sharp right cross. Tony's left eye was cut early in the eighth but despite the blood, Gardner staggered his foe twice with sharp right hands.

It appeared that Gardner's winning streak had come to an end in the ninth when the Canadian slammed in a blitzing left-right-left combination that dropped Gardner face first in the center of the ring apparently out. But showing the heart of a true champion, Tony staggered to his feet by nine and managed to fight his way out of trouble.

Realizing it could be do or die depending on the final round, Gardner came out winging left and rights in the tenth. A right uppercut dropped Christian for a count of six and a few seconds later a left hook again floored the Canadian. Christian tried to hold on but Gardner slammed in a left-right-left-right that sent Christian to the canvas for the automatic TKO.

In a special three round exhibition, the Hallacy brothers, Ned and Mike, really punched it out to give the fans their money's worth.

Gardner took plenty of punishment in the first two rounds and came right back slugging, something a lot of experts in the area thought he could never do.

The first round started out tame enough with Gardner slipping most of Martinez's jabs and landing a few light jabs of his own. Suddenly, midway in the round, Martinez landed a savage right hand and down went Gardner. Wobbly-legged and glassy-eyed, Gardner struggled to his feet at a count of eight and instead of following his frantic corner's instructions to "stay away and box," Tony roared right back and stood toe to toe with his rival until the bell.

"I guess that could have been a pretty stupid thing to do" said Gardner after the bout, "except I've got some guts you know!"

The second was a real slugfest with both men giving and taking powerful shots to the head and body. Toward the end of the round, Gardner uncorked a blistering right hand of his own that sent Martinez staggering across the ring at the bell.

Martinez came out for the third round winging in lefts and rights but Tony coolly stepped back and sent in a left-right-left combination that snapped the Mexican's head back. Martinez came right back with a left hook but Gardner moved inside and landed a shattering right-uppercut-left hook combination that dropped Martinez for a count of nine. Upon arising, referee Leroy Miller stopped the bout at 1:42 of the round.

"Martinez couldn't even tell me his name," said Miller. "That's why I stopped it."

In the four round curtain opener ace light-heavyweight Ned Hallacy, 180, of Wichita, Kansas, stopped gigantic Claude "Humphrey" McBride, 260, of Oklahoma City, in the first round.

McBride, who has fought such top names as Buster Mathis, Al "Blue" Lewis, and Terry Daniels, looked like a sure winner as he gave the younger and less experienced Hallacy a boxing lesson in the first two minutes of the round. Suddenly, Hallacy turned defeat into victory when he landed a short left hook to the head that dropped McBride for the ten count at 2:43 of the round.

Surprisingly, Hallacy didn't seem very enthusiastic about his big win.

"I think knocking Humphrey out hurt me more than it did him," he said, "I've always admired Humphrey McBride and I will continue to do so."

SUMMERHAYS BROTHERS SCORE IN ORLANDO BOUTS

By LEE GEIGER

Orlando, Fla. — Canadian light heavyweight champion Gary Summerhays rode a third round knockdown to a close but unanimous decision over Walter "Snake" White in a 10-round slugfest at the Orlando Stadium.

After two ineffective rounds, White appeared to be in control of the third when the Bradford, Ontario, fighter connected with a crushing overhand right, dropping White in a neutral corner for a count of nine.

The Tampa-based White arose on wobbly legs and barely finished out the final seconds of the round on his feet.

White abandoned his normal stick-and-move tactics when he came out for the fourth. Instead, he went after the Canadian and the two electrified the fans with vicious toe-to-toe exchanges.

White's decision to slug it out played right into the hands of his smaller opponent. Instead of going out looking for his lanky foe, Summerhays now found White coming after him.

Round after round, the two gladiators rushed at each other, throwing caution to the wind.

White was most effective to the body and a sharp uppercut which caught his crouching opponent on numerous occasions.

Summerhays used a looping overhand right with great effect as he caught "The Snake" with his left throughout the bruising encounter.

Johnny Summerhays, the younger and smaller brother of Gary, gave James Martinez, Houston, a beautiful boxing lesson in taking the eight round semi-final.

For Martinez, it was his first defeat in 14 fights. He was never in this fight after the first two rounds.

Round three saw Summerhays change his tactics from a swarming fighter to a picture boxer. The highly ranked Canadian went on his bicycle and began to pop Martinez with one jab after another. Round after round Summerhays kept sticking his left into the face of his frustrated opponent.

Occasionally Summerhays would shoot a straight right in but it was the left that kept Martinez off balance.

Sanford's Vic Perez, 150, was butted early in the first round but came back to stop Arthur Cirilli, 139, of San Antonio.

The unintentional foul caused an angry cut over the left eye of Perez and forced him to go all out to stop his man before the doctor could intervene.

Frustrated by the cut and the low profile Cirilli presented, Perez was wild with many of his sweeping lefts and rights but he scored enough to stop his man after 2:46 of the fourth round.

It was the third win for the Sanford fighter since his comeback that started several months ago.

Joe Vincent, 154, from Orlando, also scored his third win in a row when he came up with a clean third round KO over normally granite chinned Charley "Baby" Fullard, 150, Jacksonville.

After taking the first two sessions on aggressiveness, Vincent caught up to Fullard near the ropes and exploded a right-left combination that left the Jacksonville fighter for dead in a neutral corner.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending October 15, 1974

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ron Lyle kayoed Boone Kirkman, 8.
Chuck Wepner halted Terry Hinki, 11.
Johnny Boudreaux defeated George Johnson, 10.
Ned Hallacy stopped Claude McBride, 1, Ron Cichon, 3, Jimmy Moore, 3.
Pedro Lovell kayoed Billy Daniels, 1, Tony Ventura, 1.
Bob Bozie beat Mel Marshall, 10.
Scott La Doux stopped Tom Berry.
Claude McBride halted Ray Arnold, 2.
Tom Berry beat Bob Crutison, 10.
John Dennis kayoed Charlie Harris, 5.
Brian O'Melia drew with Tommy Sheehan, 8.
Paul Simonetti halted Donald Branch, 2.
Ernie Lassiter stopped Jose Casado, 4.
Mike Koranichi defeated James Summerville, 10.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Victor Galindez kayoed Domingo Silveire, 5, beat Angel Oquendo.
James Jackson beat David Smith, 6.
Tommy Evans halted Budda Brooks, 3.
Pedro Soto beat Ray Ayala, 8.
Gene Wells outpointed Ernie Burns, 8.
Jose Roman and Eddie Owens, no contest.
Leo Bennett kayoed Joe Cokes, 5.
Joe Middleton halted Johnny Wilkens, 2.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Rodrigo Valdez kayoed Top Cat Jackson, 2.
Tony Licata defeated Vicente Medina, 2.
Vito Antuofermo decisioned Denny Moyer 10.
Willie Monroe defeated Bill Douglas, 10.
George Cooper stopped Cipriano Hernandez, 7.
Chucho Garcia kayoed King George Aidoo, 10.
Jose Anglada halted Jose Colon, 3.
Chris Baxter beat Raul Aguirre, 6.
Christy Elliott kayoed Jerry Tramontano, 1.
Renato Garcia beat Jose Martin Flores, 10.
Kim Booker kayoed by James Marshall, 1.
Roy Hollis lost to Karl Vinson, 6.
Tom Hanna beat Mario Marquez, 10.
Mike Rossman kayoed Nat Dixon, 4.
Marvin Hagler stopped Peachy Davis, 1, beat Ray Seales, 10.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Jose Duran stopped Echkard Dagge, 11, E.B.U. junior middleweight title.
Elisha Obed kayoed Guillermo Escalera, 5.
Miguel de Oliviera halted Dino del Cid, 2.
Miguel Angel Camanino beat Miguel Fernandez, Omar Zarza and Victor Nilo, 10.
Donato Paduano halted Jean-Claude LeClair, 7.
Tony Gardner stopped Sal Martinez, 3, Roy Christian, 1.
Raphael Rodriguez kayoed Joe Espinoza, 4.
Rocky DiFazio beat Don Boulter, 10.
Leo Saenz halted Jess Davis, 2.
Clyde Washington outpointed Vernon Mason, 10.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Clyde Gray kayoed Fate Davis, 8.
Rocky Mattioli beat Eddie Perkins, 10.
Fausto Rodriguez decisioned Dario Hidalgo, 12.
Johnny Gant kayoed Jim Henry, 8.
Pete Ranzany beat James Jackson, 6.
Clarence Hemmick halted Wilber Seales, 2.
Keith Averett stopped Raphael Rodriguez, 1.
Paul Poirier beat Jim Henry, 8.
Avon Little stopped L.C. Mack, 1.
Sparky Wheeler kayoed Johnny Davis, 2.
C. J. Faison outpointed Tyrone Phelps, 6.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Hector Thompson beat Jimmy Heair.
Kokkie Oliver outpointed Roger Zami, 10.
Hector Matta lost Roberto Duran, 10, non-title.
Monroe Brooks halted Ruben Vasquez, 3.
Esteban DeJesus beat Javier Ayala, 10.
Laudial Negron kayoed Alvarra Parra, 1.
Leoncio Ortiz stopped Jose Peterson, 5.
Wilfredo Benitez halted Al Hughes, 5.
Ruben Navarro defeated Bobby Jordan, 10.
Rolando Martinez beat Adolfo Marte, 12.
Hector Matta kayoed Beau Haynes, 4.
Pedro Fernandez beat Lion Furuyama, 15, to win vacant W.B.C. junior welterweight title.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ray Lampkin kayoed Pete Vital, 1.
Roberto Duran beat Hector Matta, 10, non-title.
Jimmy Heair lost to Hector Thompson.
Hugo Gutierrez kayoed Miguel Coria, 6, Manuel Lira, 1.
Angel Mayorel stopped Norman Goins, 7.
Ishimatsu Suzuki drew with Arturo Pineda, 15, retained W.B.C. lightweight title.
Carlis Gil kayoed Ramon Reyes, 1.
Rudy Barro decisioned Miguel Mayan, 10.
Frankie Benitez beat Bobby Hughes, 8.
Randy Shields halted Juan Morales, 3, beat Raul Montoya, 10.
Henry Ocasio beat Joey Grier, 8.
Joey Rivera outpointed L.C. Mack, 6.
Artie Rosa defeated Johnny Sullivan, 4.
Tim Walker beat Jose Resto, 6.
Bobby Hernandez beat Vic Abraham, 10.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ben Villaflor kayoed Yasutsune Uehara, 2, retained World Junior Lightweight Title.
Alfredo Escalera stopped Oscar Piton, 4.
Apollo Yoshio lost to Flash Gallego, 10.
Tyrone Everett kayoed Jose Luis Madrid, 2.
Hector Medina stopped Flash Gallego, 2.
Jose Del Campo halted Jorge Mejia, 3.
Livio Nolasco beat Dom Monaco, 10.
Termite Wadkins outpointed Nick Alfrao, 8.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Bobby Chacon kayoed Alfredo Marcano, 9, W.B.C. Featherweight Title.
Shig Fukuyama halted Danny Lopez, 9.
Art Hafey stopped Delfino Rodriguez, 10.
Ruben Olivares kayoed Enrique Garcia, 5.
Jerry Kornele beat Joe Garcia, 6.
Leo Cruz outpointed Ben Ortiz, 10, kayoed Roberto Pena, 3.
Tony Sanchez stopped Ismael Gallegos, 6.
Bubba Busceme kayoed Jimmy Martinez, 7.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Jose Casas beat Victor Centurion, 10.
Elise Cosme kayoed Francisco Villegas, 3.
Andres Hernandez outpointed Johnny Watson, 10.
Thanomjit Sukhothai beat Fernando Cabenla, 10.
Victor Rocha stopped Arden Peralta, 7.
Raul Rosete beat Mario Rogelio, 5.
Frank Duarte halted Antonio Garcia, 5.
Chuck Goodrum outpointed Jose del Rio Flores, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Fernando Cabanela lost to Thanomjit Sukhothai, 10.

WITH THE EX-BOXERS

By RON OLVER

London, Eng. — Three years ago a small deputation came to my office and asked if I would assist in the formation of the London Ex-Boxers' Association. It was a project near to my heart, and I am delighted to report that this organization now has a membership approaching 1,000.

Next year, on April 26 and 27, LEBA will be hosts for what will undoubtedly be the greatest gathering of all time as far as former boxers are concerned.

It will be known as the International Convention of Ex-Boxers 1975, held at London's New Centre Hotel. The Convention President will be Canadian-born Larry Gains, one of the finest heavyweights the world has known, Gains beat Primo Carnera just 12 months before the latter won the world title, and although over 70, he is a commanding figure still and very active.

Briefly, the convention will take place on a Saturday and Sunday and include a pageant of boxing, an exhibition of trophies, prints, photos, etc., a banquet attended by the Minister For Sport, a trip on the River Thames plus the usual get-together conferences.

Maybe as a result of this column, some of the members of Veterans Boxers' Associations may be tempted to come over. If so, they would all be most welcome and could pave the way for an annual exchange of visits.

I'll be pleased to answer any inquiries on ICEB 75. Write to me at 203 Camden Road, London N.W.1.

▲Phil Scott, who boxed Jack Sharkey in a final eliminator for the world heavyweight title in 1929, sends his best to Jack Dempsey, for whom he has always had a very high regard.

Now living near London, Phil keeps well. When I last spoke to him, he said he now weighed over 17 stones. He and his wife, Mary, have been married 38 years. They have five children, all of whom are in Australia, where Phil emigrated many years ago.

An arthritic back prevents him from dashing about, but otherwise he enjoys life. I persuaded him to join LEBA, and he says it feels good to be in touch again with the sport he loves so much.

▲President of LEBA is Frank Butler, Sports Editor of the News of the World, and like his father James Butler, a top boxing writer. Among the Vice-Presidents are Larry Gains, whose wife Lisa was born in Germany. They have four children.

▲Regulars at the monthly LEBA meetings include Harry Mizler, Dave Crowley, both fine champions in their day, with Alf Paolozzi as chairman, and Jack Powell as Secretary.

Treasurer is George Howard, one of a fine fighting family.

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▲As a result of publicity which I have given the Ex-Boxers, Associations have sprung up all over the country. Outside London the largest is the Northern Boxing Federation, formed a few months ago, which embraces other associations in that area. Secretary is Eric Ludlam, former Sheffield middleweight star.

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▲There are ex-boxers associations in Scotland and Ireland, as well as England, and I would think the total for the British Isles would be nearing 30. I have always contended that in boxing people remain closer after retirement than in any other sport, and I think these figures prove it.

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▲All these Associations not only meet to enjoy conversation, but to raise funds by means of functions, Dart Matches, Exhibition bouts, for the purpose of helping ex-boxers who need assistance, financial or otherwise.

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▲Len Harvey, former British champion at middle, light heavy and heavyweight, recently retired from being a publican. He doesn't go out a lot now, but did attend the launching of Gilbert Odd's new book The Great Champions. Len has a bit of foot trouble, which hampers his walking, but still loves to chat about the fight game. I asked him who he thought was the greatest world light heavyweight champion and he replied "No doubt about it—John Henry Lewis." For the record, Lewis outpointed Harvey in a World title fight.

That's all this month, but I hope to feature your Association in due course, so why not drop me a line?

HAGLER OVER SEALES IN T.V. BATTLE OF 10 ROUNDS

By DON HAMILL

Boston, Mass. — Boxing activity during the past month was confined to eastern Massachusetts as promising Tony Petronelli and Marvin Hagler posted wins. Petronelli was slated to defend his newly won American junior welterweight title against the challenges of Ray Rose of Montreal but the Canadian was unable to appear. Hagler scored his biggest win, to date, as he whipped former Olympic Gold Medal winner Ray Seales.

▲**New Bedford** — Tony Petronelli, 140, East Bridgewater, tangled with late substitute Frank Davilla, 146, Hartford, to punch out a clear cut ten round decision. Davilla was outgunned all the way. He suffered a cut over his right eye in the sixth and was stunned several times in the later heats.

Ricky Wynn, 214, Norton, was tested for the first time since turning pro and was forced to go six rounds in taking a close decision in a slugfest with Joe Maye, 207, Hartford.

Bob Stewartl, 170, Albany, National Golden Gloves champ, turned pro with a six round decision over Bob Cousins, 165, New York.

Dan Tratzinski, 120, Brockton, scored a sudden first round kayo over Charley Kittredge, 124, Portland, in another slated six spot. Donnie Nelson, 135, Hartford, continued to be impressive as he pounded out a four round decision over L. C. Strongman, 139, New York.

▲**Boston** — Studio of WNAC-TV — Marvin Hagler, 156, Brockton, and Sugar Ray Seales, 157½, Seattle, staged an interesting ten round contest before a television audience with only a select few viewing it live in the studio. Hagler was just a little too good in each department in winning a unanimous decision in the battle of the undefeated southpaws. Hagler is a fighter to watch.

In a six round prelim, Jackie Smith, 156, Brockton, was held to a close split decision by veteran Jose (Pagan) Rivera, 151, Lowell. Smith was hampered by cuts over both eyes.

VILLAFLOR, DURAN, LYLE WIN; SUZUKI, PINEDA DRAW

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Marcos Britton, 122, Panama, knocked out Buddy Boy Dayaganon, 121¼, Philippines, in the 6th of ten.

Mitsuyuki Nakane, 136, Japan, beat Mar Yuzon, 136¾, Philippines, in a 6 round bout.

Teddy Limoz, 185¾, Honolulu, outpointed Nae N'Gata, 183, Tonga, 5 rds.

Sam Fraticelli, 136¼, Honolulu, decisioned Masami Ito, 133¼, Japan, in 5.

By JOE Y. KUIZUMI

NAGOYA, Japan — The World Boxing Council version of the lightweight championship of the world was fought here and produced a good 15-round battle between the titleholder, Gattu Ishimatsu, better known as Suzuki, and Tury Pineda, of Mexico.

This lesser city on Japan's boxing map drew a red hot scrap when it beat Tokyo to the event.

There was no knockdown but this did not serve to denigrate the fight. They went at it hot and heavy and few of the most ardent Pineda fans could find a point on which to hang a claim to the decision.

This did not deter one of the judges, Hacharo Aki, from voting for the challenger, 74 to 71.

Judge Masao Kato had it 72 to 72 for a draw. The referee, Takeshi Makimaura, voted for Sazuki, 74 to 73.

The capacity crowd of 8,000 certainly got its money's worth. The tide of battle went one way and then the other and the fight took its place among Japan's top wrangles of the year.

It would be a good thing if Suzuki and Roberto Duran, of Panama, the WBA champion, who is recognized by The Ring, would meet and settle the question of world supremacy without a doubt.

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Lightweight champion Roberto Duran found Hector Matta a tough nut to crack in his second presentation in Puerto Rico. Duran fought well and was sharp but Matta's battle plan of not giving Roberto room to unload his bombs proved a success.

Matta confused Duran with his effective infighting in the early rounds and closed strongly in the ninth and tenth. But there was no doubt that Duran deserved the verdict. Some local sportwriters thought a draw decision was in order but Duran possessed the heavy leather and although he didn't use it as often as he would have liked to, when he did land, it was with authority.

The in-close combat did not produce a most excitable fight but it did get Hector to travel the distance and possibly a shot at the top people in the junior welter division.

Duran is expected back here for an encounter against Alfredo Escalera or Ken Buchanan for the title.

It is still felt that De Jesus, who has broken his ties with Gregory Benitez, can no longer make the 135-pound class and is therefore not a title candidate for the lightweight division.

In a co-feature ten-rounder, Esteban de Jesus outpointed Javier Ayala, of Mexico. Esteban seemed a little ring rusty as he missed badly on occasions. Ayala, who went the limit with Duran last year was hurt two or three times but Esteban did not follow up his advantage. He did not have the vim and vigor he has displayed in the past. Contrary to the Matta-Duran fight where the fans were only looking for Matta to last the limit in this one they wanted De Jesus to score a kayo which never occurred.

Lightweight Hector Julio Medina scored his nineteenth win (17 by kayo) by stopping Filipino "Flash" Gallego in the second. Gallego took an eight count standing up and then said that he would go no more.

Panamanian feather Rodolfo Francis stopped local Gilberto Mendez in the third. Francis is a fine prospect and should go places.

In the opener welter Juan Pastor outpointed Hector Maldonado in four heats.

By MIKE HAYES

SEATTLE, Wash. — A savage body attack and shattering uppercuts paved the way for Ron Lyle's 29th victory when he scored an eight-round TKO over Boone Kirkman.

Proclaimed earlier to be in the best mental and physical condition he's been in for two years, Lyle concentrated on Kirkman's body and soon had the local fighter bloody and battered before the attending physician, Dr. Charles Grinstein, halted the fight at the 2:02 mark of the eighth round.

"Kirkman wasn't able to continue with that severe eye cut," Dr. Grinstein said. "The cut went clear to the cheekbone, and combined with his other injuries, I decided to stop the fight."

Lyle uppercuts started the blood flowing in the initial round, and each round thereafter more cuts appeared and Kirkman soon began to weaken from the constant hammering.

Eddie Futch, who was hired to train Kirkman for the fight, had his charge boring in like a bull, hoping to nullify Lyle's punching leverage. Lyle, instead, concentrated on opening up Kirkman with body shots, and by the sixth round Kirkman began to step back to avoid those punches. Then Lyle attacked the head.

After the fight Kirkman was taken to a nearby hospital where several stitches were required to close the cuts over his eyes and on his cheek. His mouth also sustained much damage.

The win was Lyle's 20th knockout and his first in 11 months since winning over former European heavyweight champion Jurgen Blin in October, 1974. His record is now 29-1-1, while Kirkman dropped to 31-5.

Lyle weighed in at 216½ pounds, while Kirkman tipped the scales at 209.

Lyle stated before the fight that this was the most perfect training session he has had in his 3½-year career.

"Everything just fell into place," he said. "Chickie Ferrara brought me to the right edge and I felt good when I got into the ring. I knew it was just a matter of time because Kirkman is not good enough to take away what I've earned."

Former world champion Joe Frazier was at ringside and told reporters afterwards that a fight between Lyle and him could be imminent.

"Without a doubt, Lyle has to be rated as a title contender," Frazier said. "Now it looks like Lyle and me are the logical opponents after the Foreman-Ali fight is over."

FOSTER RETIRES, PROTESTS AGAINST WBA-WBC SQUABBLE

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growth of interest, and skill in the division in the Argentine.

Light heavies in the South American country include Galindez, Ahumada, Avenamar Peralta and a newcomer of remarkable skill named Loyola, Johnny Conteh of England, Pierre Fourie, of South Africa, and the American, Len Hutchins.

The World Boxing Association some time back picked Galindez as Foster's challenger.

The World Boxing Council picked Conteh and Ahumada to fight for the title with Foster "stripped" for alleged inactivity.

Now the WBC will pick a contender to meet Galindez.

The Conteh-Ahumada fight was to have been contested in September but the Briton became ill.

Hutchins is the American champion but he is not very active and does not rate high in the international melange.

Ahumada came out of the pack with his fine showing against Foster at Albuquerque. Foster, in form, doubtless would have disposed of the Argentinian. But Bob was dull and lacked enterprise that night, in his own native locale.

Before fighting Foster, Ahumada had done nothing of great consequence.

Loyola, who was a winner in the Nassau Coliseum in suburban New York, is regarded as a most promising youngster. His arrogance, along Ali lines, may turn out to be a big asset.

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OLD BROADWAY

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Alex Koskowitz, who handled some of our best fistic talent, topped by Doug Jones, is still a fight buff. Many former members of the fraternity, in the fur business and out, frequent his spot on Seventh Avenue. The other day we ran into Jackie Gardner, 69, who came out of the Brownsville section of Brooklyn in 1905. Gardner boxed seven years, as a pro, as a bantamweight. . .Was managed by Charley Cook, Mayor of West End Avenue, who handled heavyweight Floyd Johnson, the Coast man, and others in the Golden Era. Gardner, who had about 40 pro scraps, was trained by Lou Fink, who attended to the chores for Gene Tunney when the latter met Jack Dempsey in their memorable battles in Philadelphia and Chicago. Among those whom Jackie fought were Tony Canzoneri, Cowboy Eddie Anderson, Georgie Marks and the Pincus brothers, Nat and Johnny. Jackie became a furrier after he quit the ring. He is married, his wife's name is Shirley, and they have two sons, Ken Murray, a singer, and Arthur, an insurance broker.

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On one of our frequent trips on the Great White Way we ran into a popular member of the fistic community, whose dad, Teddy Hubbs, was a standout as a featherweight long before he was born. We're talking of Bobby Ruffin, of Astoria, who saw action from 1937 to 1948, who was managed by Teddy, his dad, the same little guy who had functioned against such stars of his era as Benny Leonard, one of lightweight's greatest, Irish Patsy Cline, Johnny Shugrue, Canada's Frankie Fleming, Tommy Houck, K.O. Brown, K.O. Eggers, among others. Ruffin's trainers were Red Lambert and Dick O'Connor and who can forget Bobby's memorable fights with ex-kings Beau Jack and Bob Montgomery, Mike Belloise, NBA feather boss, Tippy Larkin and Allie Stolz. Later, after retiring, Ruffin for seven years was handling a truck in the mailing department of the U.S. Post Office and now has another job, reception guard at a bank down in Wall Street.

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Lest we forget it, we remember the splendid get-together arranged by publicist John F. X. Condon in the Hall of Fame section in Madison Square Garden. The feature was a motion picture story of the heavyweights from the days of John L. Sullivan on. Many of our former champions were present and aired opinions on the Foreman-Ali fight and kingpins of yesteryear and today. The exchamps present were Gene Tunney, Emile Griffith, Carlos Ortiz and Willie Pep, with oldtimers from newspaperdom and one of boxing's oldest promoters, Herman Taylor, who came in from Philadelphia, as well as boxing's #1 fan, Toots Shor. The luncheon was great and the nostalgic spirit, bringing back memories of years and years ago, were well aired. At least they didn't rip the veterans apart and handled the latter day champions with good taste.

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One of our fondest memories of the fast closing year was the surprise birthday party tossed us last September by my dear friends Ossie & Sylvia Feldman at the popular Colony Restaurant, on 7th Avenue, between 34th & 35th Sts. It was held prior to a fistic show in Madison Square Garden. Among those on hand was our own Nat Loubet and Dan Daniel, as well as famous cartoonist Bill Gallo, Judge M. Michael Potoker, of the Supreme Court, John F. X. Condon and Duke Stefano from the Garden. Mary Connelly, popular switchboard lady for the Garden boxing, and her husband Joseph, Dr. Edwin A. Campbell, Jimmy O'Connor and his wife Cookey, Al Reid, President of Ring #8, Irving Silverman, ex-officio of that outfit, Ted Lukanski, Garden security, not forgetting members of my own immediate family. The Colony people are always great hosts.

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Boo-boos are made by all. We made one in reporting the retirement of our pal, Harold Ott, former Erasmus Hall football star and vice-president of the Franklin National Bank, located at Kings Highway & 16th St., in Brooklyn. We spoke about the farewell dinner given him by his associates. Ott was a prime favorite with the people, as he was when playing football at Erasmus Hall and later finishing out his college chores at Colgate. Sorry about our errors. Ottie, as he is popularly called, has always been a great fight buff.

DUANE BOBICK SCORES HIS 25TH IN A ROW

By MIKE HAYES

Weston, West Virginia — Undefeated heavyweight Duane Bobick ran his record to 25 consecutive victories with a second round TKO here over Harold Carter.

The fight was stopped at 2:20 of the second when it was determined that Carter had suffered a broken rib. The knockout was Bobick's fourth in a row and 23rd of his career.

Bobick said that body shots paved the way for his victory.

"I felt real good in the ring and I knew it would be just a matter of time," Bobick said. "Carter has fought many of the top heavyweights and even though the fight was short, I learned some new things."

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DID FIGHT GAME'S EVIL EYE HEX FOREMAN-ALI?

(Continued from page 7)

Before making the decision to return instead of continuing to Kinshasa, the press was entreated by the President of Zaire, through his representative, to continue to his country as he was looking forward to welcoming us, one and all.

The Zaire government had also planned a Music Festival to coincide with the fight. We were told that it would go on as planned. Many of the world's outstanding artists were coming and we should not miss this ear-shattering and brain-boggling event.

Once we were sure that the fight was off for the time and the uncertainty of its ever being on was ascertained, most of the press decided to return to their home bases.

One of the calmest men during the hectic moments of decision and lack of news at Trier was Video Technique's man, Harold Conrad, who has yet to be ruffled. His comment to anxious and oft puzzled newsmen was not to worry as all would be well — "take it easy" — the answers would be forthcoming. As usual, Conrad was attempting to be helpful, but he reckoned not on the security of those in Zaire who spoon fed the press with as little news as possible in the attempt to get us all into the compound at N'Sele, the President's Camp David, where Foreman and Ali have been and will be kept until the fight takes place or — due to circumstances beyond governmental control — is called off.

There is much speculation as to whether the postponement favors the champion or Ali. Foreman needed the extra time. He was overweight and, after his eye heals, will then be forced to again begin his training to gain top shape.

Ali, on the other hand, was "ready," and at his age must once again regain not only his physical readiness but the mental sharpness that is no necessary for success in such a fight.

If the fight does not take place on October 30th as now stated, there will be those who will point to the postponement as a reason for the outcome. Even if it does take place on the new date, many will draw attention to the delay as the cause for a better or worse showing of the contestants.

This is the first heavyweight title bout that has been postponed due to an eye injury.

One other injury was the causal factor in the postponement of a heavyweight championship fight, that between Jersey Joe Walcott and Rocky Marciano.

In September of 1952, Walcott had lost his crown to Marciano in Philadelphia, when, ahead on points, Jersey Joe walked into one of the hardest single punches Rocky ever tossed and Walcott was knocked out in the 13th round.

A rematch was rescheduled, and Marciano had a nose bleed. A subsequent development, an infection, caused the postponement of the Chicago fight from April to May 15th when Rocky finished off Walcott in one round.

Other heavyweight title bouts have been postponed but weather has been the determining factors in those cases in the days when the "big" fights were held in the outdoor arenas.

The Yankee Stadium in New York was the venue in which five postponements of heavyweight title bouts took place.

The second Floyd Patterson-Ingemar Johanssen bout in 1960 finally came off on June 20 with Floyd regaining the title he had lost to Ingemar the previous year to become the first man to ever regain the heavyweight crown. The postponement's cause? Rain.

Another Yankee Stadium heavyweight title bout delayed by threatening weather was Joe Louis' first defense of his title against Tommy Farr. The fight, due to take place on August 26, 1937, was delayed until August 30th, with Joe winning a 15-round decision.

The second Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott meeting originally to take place on June 23, 1948, at the Stadium was postponed twice due to weather. When a thunderstorm broke loose at 7 p.m. on June 23, the bout was called for the following night and then came another deluge and the fight was again postponed, for June 25. Louis kayoed Walcott in the 11th session to retain his crown. He had won a 15-round decision from Jersey Joe the previous year.

Marciano was involved in more postponements than any other heavyweight titleholder. In addition to the postponement in the Walcott bout, his second outing with Ezzard Charles was postponed twice, a total of two days due to rain. First scheduled for September 15, 1954, the bout finally came off in the Yankee Stadium on September 17th with Marciano being an 8-round kayo winner.

In his last title defense, that against Archie Moore, at Yankee Stadium, the contest was to take place on September 20, 1955, but again came the rains and the fight was held off until the following evening when Hurricane Iona had passed and Rocky concluded his career with a nine-round knockout of Moore.

With the advent of television it was no longer necessary for promoters to take the chances necessary by putting on the big fights in outdoor arenas. The money was in television.

Mike Jacobs, one-time Madison Square Garden promoter, was the first man in boxing to see that the outdoor fights were a thing of the past and that television was where the big money would be in boxing's future.

He was all too right, as the promoters of the Ali-Foreman fight are unhappy to tell you. The gamble they have taken can cost them a fortune regardless of whether the fight now takes place on the October 30th date or not. It is doubtful that the $50,000,000 or for that matter $30,000,000 income that was hoped for by Video Techniques, Inc., will be realized. The promotion now becomes one of the big financial gambles of the century and the gentlemen putting it on can get richer or decidedly poorer.

There are only two men destined not to lose — the fighters, if they are paid off completely.

What happens now? If the fight comes off as per schedule, The Ring will bring it to you from ringside.

SCOTT AND ROYSTER IN WILD DRAW IN FLORIDA

By HANK KAPLAN

Miami Beach, Florida — Undefeated James Scott, 175, Newark, N.J. ran into a tartar in the form of Lee Royster, 173¾, Fort Lauderdale, while contesting the latter's challenge in the ten round feature at the Miami Beach Auditorium. Scott walked out from the bell throwing bombs at his cocky opponent, hoping to end the battle early. Royster's answer to Scott's offensive was an assortment of defensive skills. He proved to be an awkward target as he circled the ring and hugged Scott in close.

He was warned three times for hitting and holding but the chief complaint from Scott's corner was Royster's butting tactics which proved effective in the eighth round. Scott bled profusely and cut off his vision in the process. The wild fight ended in a draw despite the fact that the referee's verdict went to James Scott.

In a return ten round companion bout, Ernie Burns, 159¾, Miami, demonstrated a powerful left hook which was responsible for scoring a 7th round TKO over Gene Wells, 164, Louisville. Wells showed disdain for the Burns power but was caught early and decked with a left hook. Toward the end of the contest Burns had Wells completely out of the ring, a shocking ordeal from which Wells never recovered.

In a scheduled sixer, George Beasley, 145, Fort Lauderdale, stopped Humberto Diaz, 142, Chile, in a scorching contest lasting two rounds. Both kids looked like great future prospects. George Beasley is the brother of Aaron Beasley who boxed about 70 times as a welter back in the early sixties.

In an auspicious professional debut, Willie Thomas, 252, Miami, not in prime condition, but still good enough to outpoint Peter Balcunas, 216, Miami, in a four round contest. Willie Thomas is a protege of a new boxing sponsoring group making themselves known as Nu-Life Boxing, Inc.

▲In a ten rounder at the Auditorium, the elongated Mike Koranicki, 193½, Youngstown, scored a second tight decision over James Summerville, 248, Miami Though Summerville persistently pressed the action and emphasized Koranicki's limited experience, the judges viewed the verdict slightly in big Mike's favor. Koranicki used his left jab as Summerville remained constantly in pursuit. At times Mike was effective but on other occasions was forced to depend on his footwork to get him out of trouble. Though the decision was unanimous, Summerville was very much in the fight all the way.

In a companion ten rounder, Gene Wells, 167½, Louisville, won a hard fought but uanimous decision over left-hooking Ernie Burns, 159½, Miami. Hard punching Burns had wells in trouble a couple of times during the bout but Gene weathered each storm and emerged the judges' choice. Courageous Wells showed a rare ability to rally and nullify each prior advantage gained by Ernie Burns.

In an eight rounder, Leroy Walker, 136, Miami, took a decision from comebacking Joe Cartwright, 138, West Palm Beach. The fight was action-filled throughout but neither was hurt or decked. Cartwright, the more experienced fighter, gave it all he had but his long layoff told as he dropped the points verdict.

In a scheduled sixer, Jimmie Williams, 174, Jacksonville, one-time holder of the Florida State middleweight title, won by disqualification when his opponent, Bob Smith, 168, New Orleans, was charged with backhanding and slapping.

▲Expecting to leave for Zaire to join Muhammad Ali in his challenge against George Foreman, is Dr. Ferdie Pacheco who has been an invaluable aid in past Ali corners. . .Ring-wise Angel Robinson Garcia, so popular a fixture at Miami arenas in the past, is still going strong — his latest a win by KO in round 10 over Frankie Kolovart at Las Vegas. . .Bahama champion Elisha Obed copped his 51st victory against one draw, by stopping Guillermo Escalera of Puerto Rico in the fifth round at Freeport in the Bahamas. . .Allie Ridgeway, a crack New Jersey featherweight who boxed Kid Chocolate and Nel Tarleton among 104 other mittmen, is showing his popularity at the Biscayne Dog Track these days. . .So is Jerry White, brother of the famed Billy White, who is a fellow employee of Allie Ridgeway at the dog track. . .Visitors this month from the boxing community were Chickie Ferrara, current trainer of Duane Bobick, Eli Hanover, prominent boxing promoter from Baltimore, Clem Florio, Baltimore's top boxing writer and Leo Saenz, exciting middleweight warrior from Baltimore. . .Popular West Palm Beach welterweight, Joey Cartwright looked good in a recent comeback effort against Leroy Walker, a tough hombre on a winning streak. . .Mike Koranicki, heavyweight prospect of Pittsburgh, attorney Buddy Frazier, departed for his home area of Youngston, Ohio, following his recent repeat win over James Summerville.

BAD EYE FORCED CLARK TO RETIRE

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he always followed pre-fight plans arranged with manager Mancini and trainer Charlie Page, according to the strengths and weaknesses of the opposition.

Turning pro in 1966, Johnny carried all before him, and was unbeaten in 27 bouts when he faced champion Alan Rudkin for the British and Commonwealth titles in April 1970.

It looked odds on that a new champion would be crowned, with Clark giving a superlative display of boxing, only to see the experienced Rudkin make his effort in the later stages and eventually stop Johnny in 12 rounds in a classic encounter.

Clark may have lost this chance, but he hadn't lost his spirit. The following year he was matched with Scot John Kellie in a final eliminator for the British crown. He was a firm favorite, and I cannot remember more than the most partisan critics giving Kellie much of a chance.

Result — Kellie stopped Clark in two rounds, in one of the biggest upsets in many years. Only afterwards was it discovered that Johnny had been ill, or at least the blood infection was there, and quickly spread.

Less than two months before the Kellie fight, Johnny met Frenchman Ben Salah Abdesselem and stopped him in four. After that — but let Dennie take up the story:

"He had what looked like a wart on his shoulder, which started bleeding. Then he was ill in the pre-training period, but didn't tell me. Medical opinion is that he should never have met Kellie in that condition."

"Anyway, he had the wart removed, and this operation seemed to have the effect of creating a blood disorder. He lost two pints of blood from internal bleeding."

Clark refused to make excuses for his defeat by Kellie, but it was obvious that he wasn't 100% well at the time.

Johnny told me, "I had so many blood tests that my arms were like pin cushions, and I lost five pounds in weight."

He was in action again just over five months after the Kellie fight. His objective? A return with the Scot. First he beat Frenchman Michel Jamet in a warm-up, and then he got a big break.

Having won his final eliminator, Kellie was due to meet champion Rudkin. But Alan was indisposed, and instead the Scot was persuaded to meet Clark instead. It was just a fight, no eliminator tag, but each knew that defeat meant elimination anyway.

Kellie was taking a chance, but Clark was taking an even bigger one. After the illness, would he be able to regain his old form so quickly?

"It was a calculated risk," said Dennie. "We weighed up the pros and cons very carefully. But Johnny looked good in training, and it was a chance in a million. He might have had to wait a year or more before he got another opportunity."

Clark won the return, stopping Kellie in eight. And early in 1972 came the other return, the important one, a title shot at Rudkin. In another cliff-hanger, Alan won on points, although you'll never convince Johnny.

Twelve months later came Clark's third title shot, and this time he made it. Rudkin had retired, also with eye trouble, and Johnny and opponent Paddy Maguire put on a sizzler. For round after round they stood toe-to-toe and punched it out.

It was Maguire who took the initiative. He had obviously planned to try and wear his opponent down with a non-stop attack, but in the end it was the other way round. Maguire got slower and Clark boxed his way home in decisive fashion in a marvelous scrap.

Next came the European title, which was vacant. Clark outscored the Italian, Zurlo to put himself in line for a world title fight.

When the question of defending his British crown against Dave Needham came up, Johnny decided to give up the crown to concentrate on the European title and his plans to get a world title shot.

This year Johnny put his European title at stake against Italian Salvatore Fabrizio and won on points, stopped Chuck Spencer in seven, and outscored Luigi Tessarin.

Then, just as it seemed that he had everything going for him, the eye trouble happened. How unlucky can you get?

Fortunately, Johnny has no financial problems. By trade he is a lithographer, and has no difficulty in obtaining regular employment.

Like Henry Cooper, Johnny is one of boxing's "nice guys." He bought his parents a fine home in Dulwich. His father's leg was shattered in World War II, so that finished dad's boxing ambitions, which he transferred to his son. And how well Johnny fulfilled them.

Mr. & Mrs. Clark (who was also in bad health) were thrilled when their son won the A.B.A. title, and have followed his career with interest and enthusiasm ever since.

Johnny and Dennie have always been close friends as well as being boxer and manager, and when the former won the European title, Dennie was quoted as saying "You don't know what you've done for our family."

A home-lover, John likes his mother's cooking, progressive jazz and the happiness of just being alive.

He's brought a heck of a lot of prestige to the sport, and has had more than his share of bad luck. Besides his illness and eye trouble, there have been broken bones in his hands which have handicapped his progress.

Johnny, from Walworth, London, has been as much a part of the British scene as roast beef and Yorkshire pud, which, incidentally, he adores.

The announcement of Johnny's retirement came from manager Mancini, who said. "It is for his own good. He retires holding the European title, and was never beaten for the British crown. The fans won't forget those epic encounters with Rudkin and Maguire."

Neither shall I, Dennie. Neither shall I.

GALEGO BEATS YOSHIO IN PHILIPPINE BATTLE

By FELIPE J. C. GALANG

Manila, P.I. — Flash Galego, Philippine junior lightweight champion defeated Japanese Apollo Yoshio, 131, in 10 rounds at the Coliseum, promoted by Mamerto B. Besa.

The Japanese fighter was very fast at the early stage of the fight. He once held the world champion Ben Villaflor to a draw in Tokyo.

The Filipino came to life in the late rounds when he punished the Japanese with lefts and rights to the body. Only judge Manuel Yango voted for the Nipponese.

Carlito "Boy" Bernadas, No. 3 lightweight contender of the Philippines, kayoed Joe Fauna, No. 1 lightweight of the Philippines in the 6th round. Fauna had been down twice in the 1st and once in the 4th and twice in the 6th.

Rey Cellano, 118, kayoed Willie Abenir, 119, in the 2nd round. Rene Cruz, Jr. halted Willie Abato, both bantams in 2 rounds. Rudy Saloma, 115, kayoed Cesar Lugo, 116, in the 3rd of a scheduled 8 rounds. Little Garbo, 115, knocked out Lindo Herman, 115, in 3. Joe Lim, 131, unanimously outpointed Alex Bitong, 134, in the 4-round curtain raiser.

▲Manila — Ric Quijano, 118½, challenger for the crown of Solly Saloma, the local junior featherweight titlist won in 12 rounds at the Coliseum under the promotion of Mamerto B. Besa.

Quijano was shorter than Saloma but had the better in the exchanges. The champ, knowing that he was losing in points, tried for a knockout at the start of the 8 but found Ric too elusive.

In the 11th, the 24-year-old Quijano electrified the fans when he dropped Saloma with a combination. Referee Carlos Padilla Jr. did the mandatory 8-count.

Saloma tried desperately for a KO in the 12 but Quijano met the challenge and punished his rival more than expected.

In the supporting 10 between Larry Fuentes, 130, and Rudy Matira, 129, ended in a technical draw in the 3rd after Matira received a big cut under the right eye by accidental butt from Fuentes.

Rodrigo Roble, 129, and Orlando Cruz, 129, ended on even terms.

Armin Marbella, 117, knocked out Boy Eracho Jr., 117, in the 2nd of the scheduled 8.

Rocky Malmao, 126, and Boy Oliva, at 126, also drew in 8.

Gerry Alcantara, 122, kayoed Ric Mendoza, 126, in the final round set for 6. Henry Refugio, 111, kayoed Dezi Robis, 111, in the 5th round.

AVILA BEATS QUINONES BEFORE 10,000 IN BOGOTA

By LUIS A. GONZALEZ V. (LAGOVEN)

Cogota, Colombia — In a ten rounder, Bonifacio Avila outscored Alirio Quinones, before a crowd of 10,000 at El Campin Coliseum. Both are middleweight class.

Alvaro Lopez, flyweight of Colombia, took less than 2:30 to dispose of Abdon Peralta, Ecuadorian, in their scheduled 10-rounder.

Junior lightweight of Colombia, Francisco "Yata" Durango, stopped Martin Ortega, Panama, in the first.

Rodrigo "Rocky" Valdez, Colombian and WBC middleweight champion, fought himself when he stopped Cuby "Top Cat" Jackson, U.S.A. in the second round of a scheduled twelve. Referee Jose V. Alcala halted the bout at 2:17.

"Top Cat" Jackson, dressed with a rare lounging robe, white frock coat, short and bright, black cravat and a baker's bonnet.

The public said: "You're a cook." Jackson is bald.

One week before, the promoters announced the match for the title but the WBC did not approve it.

In the final, Jose Bernardo Prada, Colombian junior welterweight, fouled Jose Tupiza, Ecuador, in the 5th, but referee Eduardo Martinez declared Prada won by KO.

In another card, Cesar Rebollo, Cartagena's bantamweight, outpointed Francisco Garces, Magangue, in four.

Benjamin Villarreal, Colombia, decisioned Omar Villauta, Chile, in six.

Mariano Castro, junior welterweight TKO'ed Eduardo Herrera in 3.

Jose Blanco, welter of Cartagena, beat Getulio "Ruffo" Bruges, Santa Marta, when he failed to answer the bell for the 6th.

Guillermo Gomez debuted as pro and knocked out Pedro Ospino in the third. Feather class.

Carlos Obregon, debuted in welters as a professional, and knocked out Jorge Avila in the first.

The Colombian featherweight, Jacob Torres, and Jorge Valdez, drew in eight.

Francisco "Boo Ga Loo" Castro, beat Olimpo Santos in featherweight match, 10.

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AUSSIES PRESENT FERRERI AS A BANTAMWEIGHT CONTENDER

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Ambrose Palmer advised him to retire – not because he lost but because he was box-office poison.

But as Paul explained in his quiet way: "I'm getting married in a few days. I don't want to have a black eye at the altar!"

Ferreri shifted his gear to Gilberto Biondi's gym, with photographer Oscar Minary as his manager.

Two months later he outpointed former Australian flyweight champion Harry Hayes, and Paul boxed well.

Then, on August 26, 1971, came Ferreri's best performance. A shaven-headed South African negro bantamweight named Anthony Sithole was in the opposite corner.

Sithole was brought to Australia by Pacific Telecasters, and boxed here as "Kid Snowball". He really grabbed the fans with his obvious enjoyment of boxing, his purposeful punching. He outpointed Alan Pressnell, halted Sid Vicera in two rounds, knocked out John Brancato in two rounds, Miguel Benitez in four, Pressnell in eight, Japanese Tetsuro Kawakami in four.

He followed with a points win over American Lenny Brice in a great battle. He halted Frenchman Claude Lapinte in eight, outpointed Jose Luis Valdovinos, then returned home.

He returned to Australia in August 1971 and halted Willie Cordova. Then came the bout with Ferreri.

There were many who believed that Snowball would be too strong for our bantam champion. Those people forgot that Ferreri always seemed to do enough to win, raising and lowering his effort according to the standard of the opposition.

It was a top-notch contest but it was the speedy southpaw Ferreri who emerged the points winner. The decision was clear-cut. There was no doubt about it.

Fans flocked to Ferreri's banner. They began to realise that in this swift southpaw was a possible successor to Lionel Rose and Jimmy Carruthers as world bantamweight champion. Jim was a fast southpaw, but he was aggressive; Ferreri is not aggressive.

Yet he can handle any style; he boxes the fighters, he mixes boxing and fighting against the boxers; he likes to move around, going backwards, but he will move forward if the other fellow won't lead.

On October 3, 1971, Ferreri made the first defence of his Australian title. He easily outpointed Willie Leslie.

Then it was Mexican featherweight Fernando Sotelo, and Ferreri beat him easily on points, despite giving away weight. And to prove it was no fluke, he did it again in April 1972.

Between the two Sotelo bouts he knocked out Chander Sen who boxed here as Sam Chander, in three rounds; he halted Harry Hayes in eight of a title defence. After his second victory over Sotelo he again defended his Australian title, this time against Jim Bowen, who held the N.S.W. State bantam title.

That bout was held at Marrickville R.S.L. Club, where Bowen was the local boy. Ferreri defeated him easily on points, decking Bowen on the way, but he made no attempt to punish Bowen unduly. He knew he was superior to Bowen and did not press the point home other than by piling up a lot of points.

At the end of the bout the crowd showered the ring with coins. Ferreri told Bowen to take them all. He said to me, "Jimmy is the local boy and I'm sure the fans showered the ring in appreciation of his gameness, not my boxing."

On September 16, 1972, Ferreri met Scotsman John Kellie for the second time. The British Commonwealth Boxing Championships Committee had nominated Ferreri and Kellie to contest the vacant throne, following the retirement of Alan Rudkin.

Kellie was game and pugnacious, but Ferreri had little trouble in winning on points. The Scot was staggered in the fourth round under a hail fo Ferreri fists. Kellie's first round win was the 7th, and he pressed home the point in the next three rounds. But Paul was in charge again in the 11th and virtually closed Kellie's title ambitions.

Ferreri boxed all over Kellie through the last three or four rounds. The Scot refused to go down. It was close in the 15th when Ferreri tipped him through the ropes.

It was a champagne dinner boxing night, a promoter Bill Long special (he does this often – fans paying to eat and drink at tables while a title fight in in progress).

The Ferreri boosters of the early days had grown amazingly. More and more fans climbed onto the Ferreri bandwagon when he beat Sotelo. Now, with his scintillating display against Kellie, there wasn't a fan in Australia who didn't believe Paul Ferreri was world class.

But he had a five-month break, returning to outpoint Mexican Raul Noria at the Sydney Hordern Pavilion, June 7, in the main support to the Tony Mundine-Matt Donovan fiasco which was a Commonwealth title defence by Mundine. (Tony won by KO in round three, following an inept performance by Donovan.)

It was the Ferreri-Noria bout that saved the night, yet Paul was ring-rusty in that bout.

Two months later he outpointed aboriginal Freddie Burns over 15 in defence of his two titles. It was another Bill Long promotion, and Paul looked good. He boxed well and won clearly.

Then it was French champion Guy Caudron in Tahiti. Despite the six-pound weight difference Ferreri came in as light as 114 pounds), it should have been easy for Paul, but the split decision made it a draw and that's what goes in the record books.

Ferreri looks like the young university student next door. He is completely unmarked. Now he is chasing the world bantamweight title.

There is no doubt in my mind that Ferreri is world class, that he would beat some of the bantamweights in the top ten, but whether he would win the big title is a moot point. But with Ferreri one never knows.

When we see him in top gear we'll have a better chance to make an assessment of his chances. He's not a ring killer but his speed of foot and glove, allied to his defence and that uncanny knack of raising his performance to win over any style of opponent, makes him worthy of a world title shot – and if he loses, this quiet Australian will smile and shrug. There will be no complaint.

CHICAGO FANS EXCITED BY MIDDLE DIFAZIO

By JIM BRADY

Chicago, Ill. — Professional boxing is enjoying a lively resurgence in the Chicagoland area due to the excitement generated by a middleweight from suburban Melrose Park named Rocky Difazio.

The "Rock," engaging in his 21st bout, preserved his unbeaten record by banging out a unanimous 10 round decision over former Canadian Maritime welterweight champion, Don Boulter, 157, Toronto.

From the outset, Difazio, 159, was the aggressor relentlessly stalking his lanky foe. Boulter, a crafty, ringwise veteran of 30 fights began counterpunching, and by the 4th round Difazio was bleeding heavily from a nasty gash over the left eye.

As the bout progressed, Difazio continued to plod ahead, desperately trying to mail his elusive opponent, but succeeding only twice; in the 5th and 7th rounds when powerful combinations had the game Canadian in trouble. Boulter who exhibited a fine left hand was bent on survival and survive he did, by backpedalling furiously and artfully tying up his rugged foe in the clinches.

In narrowly defeating Boulter for the 2nd straight time, Difazio upped his record to 19-0-2, while Boulter's dipped to 25-5-1.

In the 10-round co-feature, Angel Mayoral, 137, Las Vegas, solidified his claim as the number 1 contender for the lightweight title, by knocking out previously unbeaten Norman Goins, 138, of Indianapolis in the 7th round.

Tom Tarantino, Milwaukee, and Bobby Crawford of Chicago fought to a 4 round draw, (lightweights).

Ray Smith, Detroit, stopped Rocky Martinez, Milwaukee, 4, (middleweights).

Danny Brewer, Minneapolis, knocked out Chuck Warfield, Chicago, 3 rounds, (light heavyweights).

Frank Steele, 212, Gary, Indiana, who served as a sparring partner to Muhammad Ali, George Foreman, Ken Norton and Joe Frazier, apparently learned his lessons well. He looked impressive in outboxing Danny Lee, 192, Louisville, Ky. over 10 rounds at Chicago's High Chaparal.

Jimmy Carter, 161, Chicago, preparing for a rematch with Rocky Difazio was KO'ed by Floyd Cross, 167, Des Moines, Iowa, in 2 rounds.

Tim Adams, 147, Chicago, stopped Bob Crawford, 145, Chicago, in 4 rounds.

Olympic Bronze Medal winner Marvin Johnson, 176, Indianapolis, stopped Ted Paxton, 173, Cleveland, 2 rounds.

In a heavyweight bout Tom Praeter, 211, Indianapolis, stopped Reggie Fleming, 202, Cleveland, 3 rounds.

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TAKAYAMA ENDS SUGA'S WINNING STREAK IN 7TH.

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

Tokyo, Japan — Masataka Takayama, Japan's lightweight champion, knocked out Arab Suga at the end of the 7th round before 2,000 fans at Korakuen Hall here. Arab's winning streak was stopped at 16 because of Masa's superiority in a short range rally.

From the start Arab was aggressive while the defending champ studied his opponent's punching and mobility.

Masa's stinging lefts to the face was effective enough to prevent himself from an early mix-up. In the third session Arab nailed the taller foe to the ropes, sending a barrage of punches to the face. Without Masa's counterpunching Arab would have continued a resistless attack drive for a knockdown. It was obviously a round for the willing mixer.

Masataka, however, solved the younger rival's tactics in powerful punching. He began to catch Arab with a well-timed combination.

For all a gash he got in the third round Masataka turned aggressive to take the 4th to the 6th rounds. It was round 7 when Masa showed his best so that Arab took a severe beating and was down on the ropes twice.

Arab's feet tired due to continual counterpunching by Masa, who threw short blows to the loser's button. Arab Suga seemed helpless. Then the ref called a compulsory eight count against him.

Takayama went all out for a kayo, and slammed his shorter opponent to the ropes again. Arab gamely refused to go down, but he was wobbly enough to fail to return to his own corner. A towel was tossed in at the end of the round.

Takayama, who recaptured the title from Buzzsaw Yamabe via a KO in February entered the ring at 135, a quarter pound heavier than the victim.

▲Ex-middleweight titlist Cassius Naito, 159, lost to Masashi Kudo, 159¼, in 10 upset rounds at Nakanoh Gymnasium, Gifu City. Naito, previously regarded as a promising lefty, lost his usual hit-and-run after KO setbacks by Jae-Duh Yuh and Flasher Ishibashi.

▲Korakuen Hall witnessed two cards recently. One began at 3 P.M. to be televised nationally, while another raised its curtain at 6 P.M. as usual.

Royal Kobayashi, ex-Olympian, at 126, continued his winning streak, as he scored the 10th consecutive kayo in his 11th bout against Freddie Mason.

Mason, lightweight boss of South Africa, was dropped on three occasions and out automatically with one second left in the 7th round. Mason's advantage in height and reach annoyed the unbeaten puncher. Moreover, the taller man was a lefthander. He made the best use of footwork to avoid any mix-ups with Kobayashi. Before he collapsed twice from the Japanese' jolting attack, he fought better than expected. He had taken two rounds to Kobayashi's dominating as many. The winner bored in relentlessly to batter the lanky speedster to halt hot proceedings. The loser weighed 125¼.

A double tenner was the second card of the day. Featherweight hope Sanjo Takemori, 125½, decisioned Waringe Nakayama, Olympic bronze medalist, at 124¾, in 10. Hawa-Yong Yuh, veteran Korean, 130¾, finished Iwao Murakami, 130¼, in the 6th session of a scheduled ten.

▲Tsutomu Igarashi, 111, defeated Takenobu Shimabukuro, 110, in 10 upset rounds. Korakuen Hall saw a rookie not rated whip one of the most promising flyweights since the death of Masao Ohba.

Kenichi Shimozato, 116½, lost to Go Mifune, 118, in another 10 upset rounds. Ken had been badly knocked out by Socrates Batoto, Filipino, in his previous Orient title affair, last June. Batoto, defending champ, had been too much for Shimozato in power punching in Okinawa.

▲Yasutsune Uehara's KO by Ben Villaflor was televised live via a satellite from Hawaii. It was over in round two. Uehara lasted less than five minutes. Uehara had fought in only 11 bouts, though he beat Ricardo Ardedondo, Mexico's WBC junior light leader, in a non-title contest. Some experts criticized Uehara's crack at Ben's title in the 130-pound class as too early and adventurous. Ben, as most had expected, caught the Japanese with a strong left thru his southpaw style.

Yasu, local attraction named star of Okinawa, should have used his feet rather than his fists in earlier rounds, manager Kanehira said. Ben Villaflor had been unbeaten against Japanese except one 15-round decision by Shibata. But Shibata was dethroned by the Filipino lefty in October in Hawaii. Ben, scrappy KO artist, with 41 knockouts in his 59-4-7 record, may be a good target for Japanese 130 pounders.

▲News from Korea reported that Tomoharu Eda, Japan, had lost to Dong-Kyun Yom in 12 hot frames. Yom's unanimous win means his second title defense of Orient 122-pound class leadership.

Jae-Do Yuh, Korea's middleweight titlist of the Orient, easily TKO'ed Nobuyoshi Ozaki in the 8th session of a scheduled 12 rounder to retain his position for the thirteenth time. Yuh appears unmatched against any middleweight in the Far East area.

▲It made a big sensation that Hwan-Hong Soo, Korean bantam leader of the Orient, defeated Arnold Taylor, South Africa, to seize the WBA's version of the 118-pound class. Soo had Taylor on the deck six times in earning a lopsided 15 round decision. He compiled a record of 25 wins (including 7 KO') against 2 losses and 2 draws.

Soo lost a close verdict to Ushiwakamaru Harada in Japan, in 1970. But he avenged the brother of Fighting Harada by a unanimous decision in Seoul, 1972. The Korean became the Orient champion by a win over Al Diaz, Filipino, in an eliminator in 1972.

▲The JBC Rating Committee announced its newest rankings. The champions are listed as follows: WBC lightweight titlist Gutts Ishimatsu, WBC junior lightweight titlist Kuniaki Shibata. Oriental leaders are Zensuke Utagawa (featherweight), Ryu Sorimachi (welterweight) and Hideo Kanazawa (junior middleweight).

National champions: flyweight Jiro Takada; bantamweight, Shintaro Uchiyama; junior featherweight, Shinichi Eto; featherweight, Ushiwaramaru Harada; junior lightweight, Susumu Okabe; lightweight, Masataka Takayama; junior welterweight, Lion Furuyama; welterweight, Shoji Tsujimoto; junior middleweight, Kenji Shibata; middleweight, Flasher Ishibashi.

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BERRY OVER CRUTISON IN OKLAHOMA FRAY

By TOM RAY

Oklahoma City, Okla. — Using a slashing left jab and an occasional overhand right, Oklahoma heavyweight champion Tom Berry, 230, of Hennessey, Okla. punched his way to a unanimous decision over Bob Crutison, 208, of White Plains, N.Y. in ten rounds at the Fairgrounds Building.

The fight picked up in the third as Crutison came out fast and counterpunched effectively to Berry's body. Berry retaliated in the fourth and bloodied Crutison's nose with a stiff right hand.

For the rest of the fight, Berry kept his shorter foe at bay with his left jabs to bag the decision.

In the four round semi-final, a blasting, brawling "Humphrey" McBride, 281, of Oklahoma City, floored Ray Arnold, 220, of Springfield, Mo. once with a solid left hook to the body in the first and finished the former Navy champion with a smashing right cross to the jaw in the second.

In the four round opener Irish Ned Hallacy made his pro debut a successful one by stopping a game Ronnie Chicon in the third.

Boxing like an experienced pro, Hallacy, 165, of Wichita dropped Chicon for a count of nine in the first round. Hallacy started fast in the second, constantly beating Chicon, 163, of Copan, Okla. to the punch and finishing his opponent with a left hook to the body at 1:14 of the third.

▲Berry and young heavyweight hopeful Danny Linville both had to pull out all stops to win on split decisions before a good crowd of 2,000 fans at the Fairgrounds.

Berry, 220, faced tough opposition in 240 pound Roy Rodriguez of Kansas City.

Berry came out fast in the first three rounds behind a darting left jab that held his heavier opponent at bay. Rodriguez, who went the distance with Ron Stander, seemed content to lay back and see what Berry had to offer.

Rodriguez turned the aggressor in the fourth when he staggered the Sooner champion with a sharp right hand. For the next five rounds it was nip and tuck with Berry's quick left and rights outshining the Kansas Citian's flurries.

Realizing he was behind on points, Rodriguez came on strong in the last two rounds, outpunching Berry 2-1 but his late rush wasn't enough.

In the four round opener, Oklahoma City's "Big Red Machine" Danny Linville faced his toughest opponent to date in Kansas City's Dwight Gibson.

After a feel 'em out first round, both men started pouring it on. In the second and third rounds, Gibson was able to get under Linville's long jabs to score to the body and win the rounds. But Linville came on strong in the final round to batter away at Gibson and nearly dropped him twice to win the fight.

In two real slugfests, top amateurs the Hallacy brothers, won in split decisions.

Mike, 160, stood toe to toe with Jake Gates of Lexington in perhaps the best fight of the whole evening while brother Ned outboxed Jimmy Thigpen of Lexington.

In the amateur main event, Rex Bross, 190, stopped Dennis Moore, 195, of Lexington in the second round. It was Bross's seventh straight win and third straight knockout.

Larry Brasier, who for five years was the Oklahoma middleweight champion, has given up his title, stating he could no longer make the weight. Brasier hopes to continue boxing but will fight in the light heavyweight division.

A championship fight has been called for by Oklahoma Boxing Commission Chairman John Miskovsky between Tony Gardner, the No. 1 contender, and Ronnie Chicon, the No. 2 contender. Waiting in the wings for their shot at the title are Cliff Campbell, Joe Harvey, and Phil Murray.

Miskovsky has also ordered a fight for the Oklahoma welterweight title, which became vacant due to the death of champion Otis Dyer, will be filled by the winner of a Tony Gardner, the No. 1 contender, versus Terry Chrapko, No. 2 contender, match.

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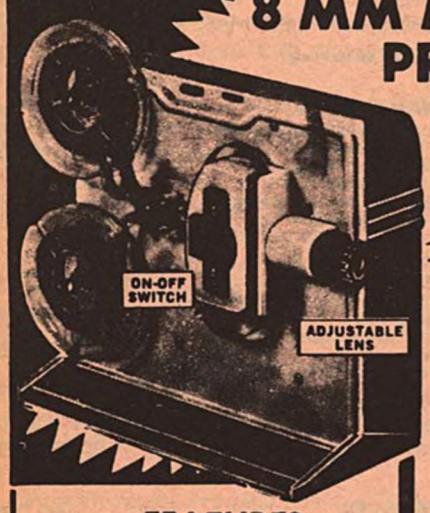

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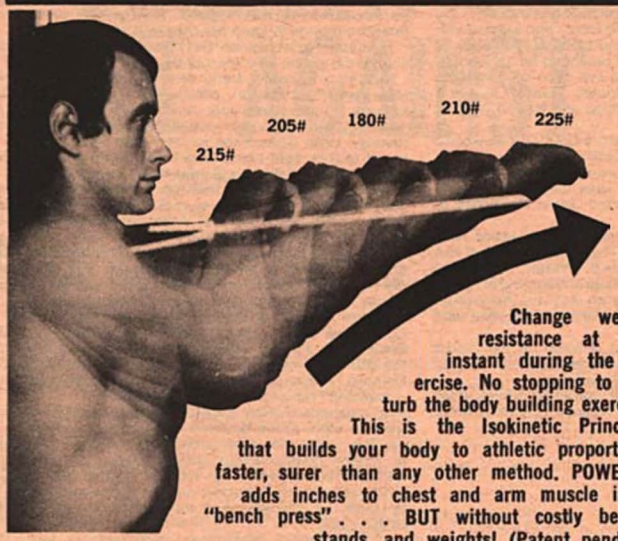

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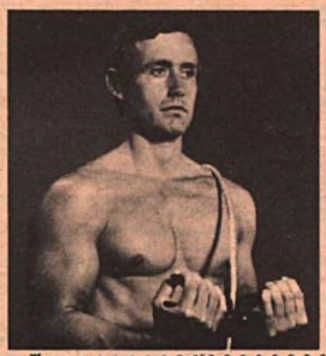

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DePAULA KEEPS BRAZIL TITLE, DEFEATING SATIRIO

By BO ZAINE

Sao Paulo — Brazilian featherweight champion Jose DePaula outpointed Joao Satirio over eight rounds in a fight that was well received.

Another Brazilian champion, flyweight Pedro Domingos, did not convince his fans when he decisioned Francisco Silva, also over eight rounds. Claudio dos Santos looked like the winner in his featherweight bout against Josias Melchiades, but the decision went split to the latter, which met a lot of whistling from the stands.

The opening saw flyweight Luiz Marques outpoint Sergio Lopes over six rounds.

▲Stylist lightweight Jose Rodrigues had no problems in outpointing hard-hitting Walter Satiro over eight rounds. Welter prospect Raimundo Mathias dominated his bout against Joao dos Santos (not the Brazilian lightweight champion) and stopped him in the fourth round.

Two six-rounders saw junior welter Aparecido Batista outpoint his old arch rival Joao Aziago and featherweight Vanildo DeOliveira win from Javan DeOliveira.

▲Carlos Alvarez might be the best prospect from Uruguay, but he fights it out of Brazil and is still to be defeated. This time he had an easy time against veteran Jose Evangelista, who was kayoed in the first round of their welterweight bout.

Middleweight Mario Martiliano halted Antonio DeAlmeida in the second round, while welter Osmar DeOliveira outpointed Manoel Paulino over six rounds. Nelson Wagner and Salvador Durante shared the points after six rounds of junior welterweight fighting.

▲Danilo Batista, one of Brazil's best prospects, marches on with a lot of dynamite in his fists. This time Liberato Fernandes was on the list and he stayed for only a bit more than one round of the bantam contest. After using the first round for body shots, Batista finished his opponent with a crushing right hook to the liver. Undefeated promising junior welter Diogenes Pacheco halted Itibere Rodrigues in the third round, when the latter got an eyebrow opened. Pacheco was well ahead at the time.

Featherweight Josias Melchiades kayoed Domingo Zigrini in the sixth round and Vanildo DeOliveira split decisioned Claudio dos Santos in another featherweight sixer.

▲South American middleweight champion Luiz Fabre used Uruguay's Norberto Freitas as a warm-up before his next defense against Antonio Aguilar from Argentina. Fabre needed only five rounds to stop the fighter from south of the border. Another Brazilian fighter, who went into a lot of problems, was Expedito Alencar, undefeated welterweight. He had to be satisfied with a split decision after ten rounds of hard fighting against tough Rogelio Zarza of Argentina. The big surprise of the night was crafty Waldir Silva, who kayoed veteran Edmundo Leite in the first round of their middleweight bout. Silva is still to taste defeat and reckoned as very promising, while this might have been the last seen of Leite, who has fought among others Jose Napoles, Carlos Ortiz and Angel Espada. Lightweights Joao Aziago and Nelson Wagner went six rounds even.

▲A violent and dramatic middleweight bout saw seasoned Alipio Colin kayo young Mario Martiliano in the seventh round. Feather Manoel Vieira won a six-rounder from Gilberto Salomao and so did light heavy Jose Casas over Joao Paulino. Claudio dos Santos outpointed Javan DeOliveira in six rounds of featherweight boxing.

▲Ex-olympian Deusdete Vasconcellos halted Josias Melchiades in the eighth round of their bantamweight bout and Basconcellos remained undefeated. Welter Raimundo Mathias decisioned Osmar DeOliveira over eight good rounds and lightweight Walter Satiro kayoed Aparecido Batista in the second. Featherweight Vanildo DeOliveira won a six-rounder from Adacir Ferreira.

▲Junior welter Diogenes Pacheco climbed up the ladder with another win, this time over Jose Jaime, who once fought Pedro Carrasco. The fight went eight rounds.

Lightweight Jose Rodrigues won another eight-rounder from Manoel Dourado and bantam Antonio Franca needed six rounds to split decision Luiz Marques. The first bout saw heavyweight Francisco Dias kayo Nelsinho Barbosa in the third round.

▲A right cross from Miguel DeOliveira exploded on the chin of Panamanian Dino del Cid and decked him for the full count in their middleweight bout at the Pacaembu Stadium. The first round showed some nervousness from both sides, but the world ranked Brazilian soon found his target and took command. In the best fight of the night, middleweight Joao Mendonca racked up his sixth straight win inside the distance in as many fights, when he kayoed Argentinian Juan Santos Paz in the seventh round.

Mendonca is a wonderful boxer-puncher who is loved by the fans. Handled right this youngster should go places. Waldemar Paulino, light heavyweight prospect who fought in the Munich Olympics, hasn't convinced as a pro. This time he decisioned Roberto Aguilar of Argentina over ten uninteresting rounds to keep his unbeaten string.

Bantamweights Javan DeOliveira and Domingo Zigrini shared the points after six rounds.

▲Afonso Euzebio, Latin and South American amateur featherweight champion, continued his string of victories by kayoing tough veteran Joao Satirio in the sixth round. Junior welter Salvador Durante outpointed Joao Aziago in a six-rounder. Helio DeAndrade kayoed Joao Paulino in the fourth round of their light heavyweight bout and lightweight Nelson Wagner stopped Ramon Gomes in the second.

▲The South American titleholder in the middleweight division, Luis Fabre of Brazil, successfully defended his title by stopping Antonio Aguilar of Argentina in the fifth round at Pacaembu Stadium. The visitor unfortunately stretched his foot in the fifth and had to withdraw. The Brazilian was well ahead on points at the time, but Aguilar was still there and did not allow Fabre to relax. It was a sad end for the Pampas warrior, who might be near the end of a long career.

Carlos Alvarez, of Uruguay, split decisioned Itibere Rodrigues over eight junior welter rounds. Feather Claudio dos Santos took a lot of beating and was floored and kayoed in the fifth round of his going with the Brazilian champion Jose DePaula. Francisco Martins, one of the few Brazilian heavies, outpointed Francisco Dias in a six-rounder.

▲Undefeated welter Expedito Alencar had to work hard to gain an eight round decision over Raimundo Mathias. Alencar floored his rival in the sixth, which helped him on his way to victory. Featherweight Manoel Vieira won masterly from Vanildo DeOliveira over six rounds. Another six-rounder saw junior welter Nelson Wagner outpoint Salvador Durante, while flyweight Luiz Marques went four rounds to outpoint debuting Waldir Lobo.

▲Danilo Batista, rough-tough bantamweight, broke the unbeaten record of ex-olympian Deusdete Vasconcellos and stayed undefeated himself. In one of the better fights seen in this country this year, Batista halted his foe in the fifth round after outboxing him. Those two bantamweights staged a war which shall late be forgotten.

Coming from behind, lightweight Walter Satiro managed to kayo hard Manoel Dourado in the eighth and last round. Satiro was floored three times before he finally caught Dourado. Bantamweight Javan DeOliveira decisioned Antonio Franca over six rounds and light heavy Helio DeAndrade stopped Jose Casas in the fifth.

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ORSOLICS MAULS MARTIN AND ENDS IT IN THIRD

By LEO VOLLNHOFER

Zeltweg, Styria, Austria — On the eve of Austria's one and only Formula One Automobile Racing event of the year, manager/promoter Willy Zeller staged a boxing program which was run off in the Eastern hangar of the Zeltweg Air Base, drawing 4,000 persons.

In the main bout, Austria's star fighter Hans Orsolics, fought the eagerly awaited return bout against Daniel Martin of France, who-on June 1st of this year, in Pinkafeld—humiliated Orsolics before his native Burgenlanders when flooring him three times in the last stages of the bout which Orsolics after the eighth round seemed to have won. Orsolics just managed then to hold on for dear life and was rewarded with a draw verdict.

This time, Hans Orsolics, weighing only 148½, compared to the 154 of Martin, got down to business after a cautious first round. After pummeling Martin from pillar to post in the second, Orsolics shook his man early in the 3rd with a left hook, trapped the Frenchman in his own corner and let loose. A left uppercut finished matters in the 3rd.

Orsolics hopes now to get another crack at a European titleholder, no matter if in the welters or junior middles.

In the second main bout, undefeated middle Franz Csandl, 158½, was a bit lucky to get the nod after ten rounds of hard fighting against veteran Texan Manuel Gonzalez, 159½. Csandl was the aggressor throughout and made the fight but vastly more experienced Gonzalez seemed to have landed more blows and especially shook up Csandl in round six when he landed three powerful left hooks in quick succession.

A draw would have better fitted matters and the 15th win of Csandl in 15 fights is the first one that must be called as resulting from a home town decision.

Czech scrapper Jaroslav Travnik, 149½, deservedly outpointed taller and heavier (160) Eric Seys of Belgium in six rounds.

Late-comer to the paid ranks, Gustav Ruzovits, 156¼, in his third paid fight, against fellow Austrian Ludwig Kammerhofer, 157, finally found the measure, and stopped his man, who was bleeding profusely from an eye cut, in the fourth round. Novice cruiser Josef Fleischmann won on points after four rounds against crude Jean-Pierre Steeland of Belgium.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

GOLIATH O'HALLORAN LASTS SIX AGAINST HOWARD SMITH

By DON FRASER

SAN DIEGO — Howard (KO) Smith, 203, Los Angeles, the California heavyweight champion, finished off giant Jack O'Halloran, 240½, San Diego, in the sixth round of the 10-round main event at the Coliseum.

From the opening round, the fast Smith outmaneuvered the big Irishman. In the sixth, Howard dropped O'Halloran with a hard right to the body for a mandatory eight count.

Smith followed up with several lefts and rights and again O'Halloran visited the canvas. At this point, referee Frank Rustich intervened.

In a second 10-rounder, Marco Gerardo, 159, San Diego, outscored Jimmy Caffey, 159, Youngstown, Ohio, in a wild punching melee.

Javier Muniz, 138½, East Los Angeles, KO over Felix Jasso, 140, San Diego, (3); Alex Calderon, 137, Lons Angeles, KO over Manuel Jimenez, 134, San Diego, (3); Mike Hickman, 157½, San Diego, dec. over Kaiser Kimble, 160, Los Angeles, (4).

▲**San Diego** — It seems that Mickey Davies' Coliseum arena brings out the best in Renato Garcia, of Chile.

The youngster seems to display his best talents in the border city and he has yet to lose a fight here.

Garcia, 157, was a one-sided winner over club fighting Jose Martin Flores, 159½, National City, in their 10-rounder.

Renato then followed up with a knockout over Jimmy Caffey, 158, Youngstown, Ohio, three weeks later. Garcia, 156, Santiago, Chile, just hammered away at Caffey, before the match was ended in the third round.

Manuel Lujan, 121½, San Diego, dec. over Joe Johnson, 120½, Los Angeles, (6); Dave Harmon, 175½, San Diego, dec. over Sam Wilson, 180, San Diego, (4); Fred Gilbert, 156½, Los Angeles, dec. over Randy Miller, 157, San Diego, (4); Bobby Larsen, 129½, San Diego, KO over Ray Thomas, 126, Los Angeles, (4).

▲**Okaland** — Unheralded James Marshall of Los Angeles surprised favored Kim Booker, of Oakland, in their scheduled 10-rounder at the Coliseum.

Marshall, 155, a 4-1 shortender, hit Booker, 157, with a sharp left hook, followed by a right to register a one-round knockout.

Promoter Joe Gagliardi was disappointed with the small turnout of less than a thousand fans, but said he planned to continue with his promotional plans at the Coliseum.

James Jackson, 174½, Los Angeles, dec. over King David Smith, 170, Oakland, (6); Karl Vinson, 162, Oakland, dec. over Roy Hollis, 160, Los Angeles, (6); Marc Thomas, 146, Oakland, dec. over Robert Turner, 143, San Francisco, (6).

▲**Los Angeles** — Once beaten Monroe Brooks, 138½, Los Angeles, made it two straight over Ruben Vasquez, 143, Mexico City, winning by knockout in the third round at the Olympic Auditorium.

In a prior meeting in Mexicali, Mexico, it took the smooth boxing Brooks six rounds to halt Vasquez, a former Mexican welterweight titleholder.

This was Brooks' 22nd victory and he showed plenty of all around boxing ability as well as a solid punch. Referee Chuck Hassett stopped the bout with Vasquez taking too much punishment.

RAY LAMPKIN

Javier Muniz, 138½, East Los Angeles, KO over Roy Holoway, 137, Los Angeles, (6); Johnny Jensen, 119, Los Angeles, dec. over Juan Lopez, 120, Mexico, (5); Chuck Goodrun, 117½, Bell, dec. over Jose Del Rio, 119½, Los Angeles, (6).

▲**Santa Maria** — Jose Martin del Campo, 131, Guadalajara, Mexico, had too much fire power for Jorge Mejia, 130, Los Angeles, in their scheduled 10-rounder at the Fairgrounds.

Del Campo ended matters midway in the third round.

This was the first pro show in Santa Maria in several years and the gate was $2,619, not a rousing success.

Raymundo Martinez, 129, Los Angeles, got decision over Enrique Mendez, 128, Mexico, (6); James Jackson, 150, Los Angeles, and Johnny Pineda, 149, Modesto, drew (6); Carmelo Cruz, 138, Mexico, and Victor de la Cruz, 134, Los Angeles, drew (5).

▲**Los Angeles** — While he remained in the unbeaten class, scoring win No. 15, Bobby Hernandez, 136, Los Angeles, had a rough time with Victor Abraham, 134½, Long Beach, in their 10-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

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AUSSIE THOMPSON WINS EASILY IN 10-ROUND CONTEST WITH HEAIR

By RAY MITCHELL

Sydney, Australia — Australian and Commonwealth junior welter champion Hector Thompson, 135, has done it again; beaten another world rated boxer. This time it was Jimmy Heair, 135, and it took place at Brisbane Festival Hall. Heair was just not in it.

Thompson outclassed him in everything but courage. At most Heair won two of the ten rounds. Thompson proved manager Reg Layton's continued assertion that Hector can fight strongly at lightweight.

The six-rounder between John Layton, 152, and Ian Looker, 147, brought an unusual occurrence. At the end referee Des Crabbe crowned Layton. Looker was so incensed that he hit Crabbe. Des took three or four blows then hit back. The two were soon separated.

Long a booster of Rocky Mattioli, particularly since I refereed the bout in which he won the Australian welterweight title in May last year, it was pleasing to me that he proved his claim to a high world rating when he outpointed Eddie Perkins at Melbourne Festival Hall. Mattioli won comfortably and Perkins heaped praise on the 21-year-old Aussie champion. Eddie's manager said he'd like to have Rocky, that he'd make him a world champion. Weights: Mattioli, 147¾, Perkins 148.

In the eight-round support Dave Richards, 134, halted Shocker Myles, 133, in the 6th round.

▲It was another sensational program at Woonona-Bulli R.S.L. Club. Promoter Peter Cairney repeatedly is staging great ring battles. In the main event Jimmy Bell, 129, narrowly outpointed Billy Mulholland, 129, but the decision did not meet with general approval. Can't comment as I did not see the fight, being engaged on TV that night, but reports are that the fight was a great one.

In the main support, over eight rounds — in another great fight — Dennis Talbot, 119, outpointed Brian Clout, 120.

▲It is rare for an Australian champion to oppose an Australian champion, but it is unique for the two champs to meet in a main support to a bout featuring two Aussies who are not national champions.

But this is what happened at Woonona-Bulli R.S.L. 13 nights after Bell-Mulholland. Billy Moeller, 129¼, who holds the national junior lightweight crown, opposed feather champ Tony Ryder, 128, and as both scaled within the junior lightweight limit, Moeller could have lost his title — even though it was not a title fight — if he had been stopped. Moeller need not have worried; he won easily on points (99-86 on my card as ref) over the ten rounds. Plenty of action in the bout.

The main event was between Brian Clout, 118, and Dennis Talbot, 117, for Clout's New South Wales State bantam title.

It was World War Three, the best bantam battle for years. Talbot punched faster in a war of attribution, to set up a points lead. At the end of the seventh southpaw Talbot led by six points on my card as ref. In the eighth Clout landed a perfect left hook which decked Talbot. Dennis survived the round and still held a three-point lead coming into the ninth.

It was about midway in that round that Clout dropped Talbot again. Dennis rose at five, coherently said: "I'm okay", but was a little dazed as he turned to face a raging tiger three seconds later. The open space of the ring was behind Clout; Talbot had sideways movement only. Clout drove him along the ropes, Talbot ducking, bobbing, weaving and riding power out of Brian's gloves.

Then they were past a corner and Talbot rode two fast blows from Clout but was pressed against the ropes with no way of riding the next blow. At that point I dived in, caught Clout's next punch and crowned him winner.

Talbot walked along the ropes, turned to face his corner and fell flat on his back. He was O.K. a couple of minutes later. It was a sensational fight.

▲At North Sydney Leagues Club, Cammeray, Merv Wockner, 126½, gained a narrow points decision over Billy Mulholland, 128, over ten. I missed it as I was refereeing at Kingsford that night. Would have preferred North Sydney this night as Mulholland is the most exciting fighter in Australia. Reports indicate that this was a great fight. Opinions vary regarding the decision, which shows that it was close.

▲Australian and Commonwealth flyweight champion Big Jim West, 118, handed former amateur champ Jim Slatter, 117, his first defeat as a pro when Big Jim won by a good points margin over ten at Blacktown R.S.L. Club. Good fight. In the main support Ian Looker, 149, the boy who punched ref Crabbe six nights earlier, narrowly outpointed Les Knox, 148, eight rounds.

▲At same club three weeks earlier Billy Moeller, 131½, completely outboxed Wild Man Matt Ropis, 131¾, over ten. In another ten on the bill Brian Clout, 126, comfortably outpointed Steve Gossen, 124.

▲One week later, same club, Australia's top light heavy Steve Aczel, 174½, halted Dragan Todorovic, 175¾, in the eighth round. Aczel won all but one round and dropped Todorovic in the eighth. Referee Jimmy Carruthers stopped the fight with the Yugoslav gone.

In an eight-round support Kevin Percy, 125, boxed his way to a good points win over aggressive Keith Ball, 126.

▲Following week, same club, Ricky Patterson, 158, scored a seventh round KO win over Billy O'Donnell, 148½, in a sensational brawl in which both took counts, O'Donnell threw punches like a baseball pitcher, and Billy was sent out of the ring onto the floor of the club. The ring exit took place in the seventh and when O'Donnell climbed back, he was a sitting duck. Jimmy Carruthers stopped it and crowned Patterson.

In the 8-round support Joe Laferla, 125, brought himself into the Australian ratings by narrowly outpointing Willie Leslie, 127.

▲At South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford, N.S.W. State junior-welter champ Jade Emerald, 143, comfortably outpointed Paddy Green, 140. Despite the color in their names, it was a colorless fight.

▲The following week at the same club, Dave Richards, 136, narrowly outpointed Binky Rominski, 140, in a good fight. The piece de resistance this night, however, was the semi-wind-up six in which Seamus McGahon, 144, gained a split-decision draw with Joey Collins, 140. As ref I carded for McGahon. This bout received a record shower of coins and notes.

▲One week later Ross Fadie, 141, received a split decision draw with Eddie Buttons, 141, in the headliner, and this also received a shower. Plenty of action.

▲Following week, Jade Emerald, 141, outpointed Frank Allen, 143, in a bout in which both tried hard but did nothing for the fans.

▲Two Victoria State title fights took place at Ballarat. In the heavyweight Marc Ecimovic, 204, KO'ed Tony Coyne, 189, in the eighth. In the welter Jim Gillon, 147, halted Paddy Green, 141, in the fourth, the bout being stopped because Green had cuts around both eyes.

▲In Perth, Western Australia, Victorian Nick Stepenoski, 156, comfortably outpointed Graham Wynne, 158, over eight, while in the other eight Baby Cassius Austin, 143, outpointed Eugene Eades, 143, in a tame bout.

▲Henry Failowski and Seamus O'Brien, who have staged three wars in prelim bouts, met in the main-event eight at Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale, Aug. 20, and result was a draw in another war. Failowski, 134, O'Brien, 133.

▲At Riverwood Legion Club, Alex Burns, 144, and Eric King, 145, turned on a ten-round blitz that ended in a draw. Bout received a large shower.

▲Steve Ayerst was billed to meet Amos Roberts in the main at Western Suburbs Leagues Club, New Lambton, but Ayerst did not arrive. Instead, Ceddy McGrady, 136, turned up. Amos Roberts, 136, outpointed McGrady. Reports indicate that it was not a good fight.

▲However, the main at the same club three weeks later was a good one. Jeff Malcolm, 134¾, gained a close points win over Binky Rominski, 136½. There was a strange occurrence in the six round semi. Glen Maybury, 146, knocked out Tim Leary, 148, after the bell ended the first round. The boxers did not hear the bell. Nor did referee Al Burke. After leaving the ring Burke was informed that the KO came after the bell so the ref walked back into the ring and ordered the bout to continue as round two! Maybury quickly got in control again and Burke stopped it and crowned Maybury, so the winner won twice by KO.

▲Another strange one: At Marrickville R.S.L. Club, Gilberto Biondi, 132¼, 40-year-old wonder, outpointed Matt Ropis, 134¼, over ten, whereupon Ropis grabbed the microphone to pay compliment to Biondi whom, he said, must be the best 40-year-old fighter in the world. Ropis added: "What about a shower so the old man can buy himself a drink!" The crowd responded with a shower of coins.

TRINIDAD'S MARK SCORES OVER VENEZUELA'S MARTINEZ

By GEORGE C. BECKLES

Port of Spain, Trinidad — Carlos Mark, 159, gave the nation an independence gift with a win over Venezuelan Ysaac Martinez, 159, (10). Carlos took the first four rounds, the 5th was even, then Martinez changed from orthodox to southpaw in the sixth round and from this round it was blood and sand with the Venezuelan changing from right to left and from left to right, giving Carlos all the hell he could have taken. All in all it was close but a very good fight.

The disparity in scoring by the officials made it look like we will never get the right people to do the job. That 6th round made all the difference by the way they scored it.

Referee Ralph Garcia scored it 49-12. Judge Ken Laughlin saw it 48-41 and judge Jabber Romney scored it 47-40.

Enoch Waldron, 143, won a unanimous decision over Clyde Matthias, 146½.

Fitzherbert Dash, 133, won on a unanimous decision over Art de Freitas, 135, (6).

Clyde Neptune, 161, won a unanimous decision over Winston Granger, 149, six rounds.

GAETAN HART STOPS PETTIGREW IN SIXTH

By VERNE STEVENSON

Ottawa, Canada — In Gatineau Arena in the fourth of a series of boxing shows put on in an attempt to revive professional boxing in the Hull-Ottawa area, the ten round main go featured Buckingham's Gaetan Hart, the 20 year old lightweight, against Ron Pettigrew from Cleveland.

This bout ended in the sixth round. Actually the fight was decided in the second round when Hart, a deadly counter-puncher, caught Pettigrew with a wicked left hook flush on the chin. From this point on Pettigrew was on the defensive except for lashing out with a vicious left hook from time to time. But the steady punching and constant pressure of Hart was too much for Ron and referee Nick Nicalo stopped the fight after Pettigrew arose shakily from his second knockdown at 2:57 of the sixth round. Hart is a twenty year old to be watched.

The 8 round semifinal saw Keith "Voodoo Man" Averette, 147, KO Jim Henry, 145, in the 5th round.

TAYLOR, LONDON PRO, 22, RETIRES TO COACH AMATEURS

By RON OLVER

LONDON, ENGLAND — A British professional boxer has decided to retire. Nothing unusual about that, you may say. Except that Billy Taylor is only 22, and had had just five contests, after which he remained unbeaten.

Taylor's explanation was a simple one. He just didn't enjoy boxing as a professional, and consequently had lost his enthusiasm for the sport.

But Billy will not be lost to boxing altogether. He is returning to his old amateur club, Repton B.C., to coach their juniors, "something I have always wanted to do."

Billy boxed in the Munich Olympics, and by virtue of his victories over Martin Galleozzie and George McKay earlier this year had reached the Top Ten of British professional featherweights, quite an achievement.

He paid tribute to his manager Terry Lawless, with whom he discussed his problem. Terry suggested waiting a couple of months, but the coaching job was vacant, so Billy made his decision.

The liason, or lack of it, between the amateur and professional codes in Britain, presents quite a problem, too.

At the moment the British Boxing Board of Control look after the professional side, and the Amateur Boxing Association control the unpaid boxers. And although much has been attempted by the professionals over the years, it seems that "never the twain shall meet."

In some other European countries professional and amateur boxing are controlled by one association, but it is difficult to envision this happening in Britain.

Ideally amateurs should be permitted to turn professional only at the beginning of each year. A list of applications should be drawn up for approval or otherwise, and those not approved would then have the benefit of another year as amateurs before applying again.

As it is, an amateur can apply to turn professional at any time, and although an understanding now exists between both controlling bodies in Britain that an amateur must fulfil any existing commitments before boxing professionally the situation could still be a bit dodgy.

Before this understanding it was possible for an amateur to turn professional, even though he had promised to box on a certain tournament (or tournaments).

Naturally if he was a top amateur many fans who had paid for tickets would have been let down at his non-appearance. And if he had promised to box on a show, and pulled out after the show had been advertised but before tickets had gone on sale, the gate would have been considerably affected and the club concerned would lose money.

Hence the amateur body has always seemed to view the professional body with suspicion, and has seemed to hold them responsible for what was happening.

For many years it was the professional manager who was accused of "poaching" every time a top amateur turned professional.

The plain fact is that if an amateur wishes to turn professional there is nothing to stop him. He's a free agent. Presumably if he has any doubt the boxer would ask the advice of his parents.

There is also the question of cash inducements. Here again if an amateur is offered a sum of money to turn professional he is free to either accept or reject it.

I can see the point of view of the amateur body. It's tough to lose top boxers with important events like the Olympic Games, European and Commonwealth Championships coming up, but then, that's the difference between the real amateur, as in Britain, and the professional amateur, as in the Iron Curtain countries, where such problems never exist.

So until the definition of an "amateur" is altered Britain must accept the situation.

Also on the Continent professionals and amateurs box on the same bills. This is something that has been mooted in Britain, and something I would welcome, but I doubt if the amateur body will ever agree to this.

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BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

(As of October 15, 1974)

HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
Danny McAlinden (I)

1. Joe Bugner (E)
2. Bunny Johnson (J)
3. Billy Aird (E)
4. Rocky Campbell (Ant.)
5. Ngoziza Ekwellum (N)
6. Richard Dunn (E)
7. Les Stevens (E)
8. Wendell Newton (B)
9. Fonomanu Sekona (F)
10. Mani Vaka (T)

CRUISERWEIGHT
Champion
John Conteh (E)

1. Chris Finnegan (E)
2. Maxie Smith (E)
3. Roy John (W)
4. Pat McCann (E)
5. Johnny Frankham (E)
6. Gary Summerhays (C)
7. Ronnie Wilson (C)
8. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
9. Steve Aczel (A)
10. Greg McNamara (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Tony Mundine (A)

1. Kevin Finnegan (E)
2. Bunny Sterling (J)
3. Battling Laavassa (Samoa)
4. Alan Minter (E)
5. Alipate Korovou (T)
6. Monty Metham (NZ)
7. Ray McGrady (A)
8. Fred Etuati (Samoa)
9. William White (Samoa)
10. Dave Downey (C)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Charkey Ramon (A)

1. Elisha Obed (B)
2. Nojim Maiyegun (N)
3. Larry Paul (E)
4. Donato Paduano (C)
5. Pongi Lie (T)
6. Carlos Marks (Tr.)
7. Si Nomura (Samoa)
8. Matt Donovan (Tr.)
9. Kevin White (E)
10. Maurice Hope (Ant.)

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)

1. John H. Stracey (E)
2. Eddie Blay (G)
3. Fernand Marcotte (C)
4. Rocky Mattioli (A)
5. Bunny Grant (J)
6. Peter Cobblah (G)
7. Kenny Webber (E)
8. Trevor Francis (J)
9. Alan Tottoh (E)
10. Darryl Carrick (A)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Hector Thompson (A)

1. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
2. Pat McCormack (I)
3. Des Morrison (J)
4. Martin Beni (Papua)
5. Eric Briggs (NZ)
6. Johnny Summerhays (C)
7. Wally Carr (A)
8. Joey Singleton (E)
9. Jim Melrose (S)
10. Lawrence Hafey (C)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
Percy Hayles (J)

1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Manny Santos (NZ)
3. Jim Watt (S)
4. Jonathan Dele (N)
5. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr.)
6. Colin Cassidy (A)
7. Andy Broome (A)
8. Billy Moeller (A)
9. Billy Waith (W)
10. Alan Buchanan (S)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
Evan Armstrong (S)

1. Art Hafey (C)
2. Bobby Dunne (A)
3. David Poison (G)
4. Love Allotey (G)
5. Jimmy Revie (S)
6. Jimmy Bell (S)
7. Bingo Crooks (J)
8. Alan Richardson (E)
9. Vernon Sollas (S)
10. Tony Ryder (A)

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)

1. Paddy Maguire (I)
2. Dave Needham (E)
3. Sulley Shittu (G)
4. Fred Burns (A)
5. John Kellie (S)
6. George Turpin (E)
7. John Mitchell (S)
8. Brian Clout (A)
9. Guinea Hillier (A)
10. Wayne Wallace (A)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
Big Jim West (A)

1. Henry Nissen (A)
2. Patrick Mambwe (Zam.)
3. John McLuskey (S)
4. Brian Roberts (A)

Legend: An Antigua; A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; Fi Fiji Islands; G Ghana; Gu Guyana; In India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; Nz New Zealand; S Scotland; T Trinidad; To Tonga; W Wales; BH British Honduras; Z Zambia.

FOURIE WHIPS BOGS WITH EASE IN TEN AT JOBURG

By ED CLARK

Johannesburg, South Africa — The Fight of the Month was Pierre Fourie's easy win over Tom Bogs, of Denmark, in a ten-round bout. Fourie had been inactive for quite a time.

Port Elizabeth — Maxwell Malinga, rated welter hammered poor Dan Mkhize over eight rounds at the Wolfson Stadium, Kwazakhele. Mkhize defied predictions that he would be stopped but was staggered with jabs, hooks, and uppercuts. He was made to miss badly as Malinga swayed out of harm's way. Malinga couldn't let the bout go on without clowning and in the fifth he did that and also nearly decked Mkhize in that round.

Phalo Tshume outscored Griffiths Mgijima, junior welters; Simon Nxawe TKO'ed Sipho Yaka, 3, lightweights; Joe Ndlovu decisioned David Klas, junior middleweights.

▲**East London** — Nkosana "Happy Boy" Mgxaji beat his first overseas opponent when he won a unanimous 10 rounds decision over Bingo Crooks, a Jamaican boxing in England. The bout was held at the Mdantsane stadium and while "Happy Boy" did not lose a round, Crooks only managed to share two.

Crooks, out to end the fight, found Mgxaji a will-o-the-wisp by going in landing blows and darting out again. Crooks did land rights to "Happy Boy's" head but the local man took them without flinching. When the bout was over Crooks lifted Mgxaji up in victory.

Mzukisi Skweyiya decisioned Leslie Pikoli, 8, (bantams); Thabo Moloko won on points against Cyril Adams, 6, featherweights.

▲**Springs** — Norman Sekgapane the "Pangaman" retained his lightweight title by outclassing Anthony Morodi at the Kwa Thema Civic Center. Morodi tried to outpace Sekgapane over the 12 rounds. Sekgapane, who wanted to end the fight, had to go the distance. Morodi shot in to the attack from the first round but Sekgapane countered to body and head. Sekgapane's left hook was much in evidence as he had Morodi backpedalling in the second. Sekgapane's blows thudded against his rival with telling effect but Morodi still kept dancing around.

The sixth was even but it was the champ again in the seventh as Morodi was rocked by solid blows. Morodi was taking them now but came out fresh in the last round to send the champion back with hard blows.

Victor Tshabalala hammered Jeremiah Nzelwane, 6, welters; Thelma Hlabisa stopped Petros Mbele, 5, junior lightweights; Rolly Xipu decisioned Philip Hlope, 6, junior welters; Morris Mohloai TKO'ed Lawrence Mphuthi, 3, welters.

▲**Pietermaritzburg** — Maxwell Malinga could not stop "Iron Man" Cecil Kekana but he certainly showed all at the Wadley Stadium, Edendale, that he was the master as he gained a clear-cut decision over 10 rounds in the junior middleweight division. After an even first round and Kekana winning the second, Malinga turned on the pace as light rain began to fall and oozed class. Kekana was even looking tired in the third and Malinga "hotted" up the pace with hard body punches and combinations that Kekana did well to take. Both boxers traded blow for blow in the sixth but in the next round a neat left hook to the jaw had Kekana down. Maxwell then let his man "off the hook" and both boxers were slipping because of the wet canvas. Kekana resorted to backpedalling and was slowed down by the hard blows to the body that he took, Malinga "the Black Hero" was given a resounding ovation.

Rocky Pillay decisioned Andy Mofekeng, 4, feathers; Simon Zincume lucky to win over Solomon Mthalane, 4, feathers; Amon Nkabinda outscored Samuel Dube, 4, junior middleweights; Jackie Coleburg decisioned Selby Shange, 6, junior lightweights; Zach Thabethe outpointed Joel Ndlovu, 6, junior middleweights.

▲**Johannesburg** — Dr. Piet Koornhof gave the O.K. and Maurice Toweel of Springbok Promotions brought out Roger Zami of France and Jorgen Hansen of Denmark to box Black S. African Norman "Pangaman" Sekgapane and white Kokkie Olivier on the first ever black vs. white boxer in S. Africa at the Rand Stadium.

A crowd of about 25,000 saw Norman "Pangaman" Sekgapane the black light and junior welter champion K.O. Jorgen Hansen of Denmark in the ninth round. Sekgapane starting slowly as unused to boxing before a mixed crowd, stalked his man who outweighed him by 7 pounds dropping Hansen three times before the left hook to the body that ended the fight.

Sekgapane had hardly used his right in the previous rounds but it was this punch used like a weapon, hence the name "Pangaman" that did the damage. Hansen drew the first round and used his longer reach to advantage but Sekgapane with his harder punching wore the Dane down then proceeded to be the executioner. In the fourth Sekgapane scored well to the body, then a hard left hook and Hansen was warned for holding.

Hansen, on the retreat, did score with jabs but a Sekgapane one-two and the Dane held again. The "Pangaman" went on the attack in earnest in the sixth and with the right chopping blow finding its mark followed by a fast left hook Hansen was down. Hansen got up only to be sent down again with a blow to the jaw. Hansen was down again in the seventh but jabbed well in the eighth but again was warned for holding. The ninth saw more jabs then that right and the left hook that ended the fight.

Kokkie Olivier, junior welterweight white champion had black Roger Zami as his opponent and from the first round Olivier surprised his opponent by moving in to the attack and scoring blows with both hands in bolo fashion to Zami's head and keeping up the pressure the Frenchman was unable to "find himself" against this sort of treatment. But then the fight deteriorated with more like wrestling and the referee Peter Lock had a busy evening separating the fighters. The fouls such as butting, holding, low punching and shoulder work spoiled the fight and at one stage during the eighth round Zami lifted Olivier off his feet and received a stern warning. The amount of clinching kept the referee shouting "Break" but back they clinched again and again. Zami was able to land the few clean blows after that first round and I thought Olivier was given a "hometown" decision after 10 rounds, a view shared by many others.

The main bout of the evening brought together Pierre Fourie and Tom Bogs of Denmark and what a contrast to the previous bout. And what a revelation in the boxing by Fourie who scored a clear cut victory over the man who had dropped John Conteh. Fourie, 174½, his heaviest to date, won all but the third round but the plucky Dane kept moving forward most of the fight.

Fourie's left was constantly in the Dane's face and Bogs's head was popping back with the stream of blows that Fourie was able to tag him with. In the ninth Bogs was cut over the right eye but his corner did a good job of stopping the bleeding. Fourie staggered his man with hooks and when he switched to southpaw in the sixth the poor luckless Bogs was confused as blows tagged him to head and body without reply. Fourie slipped twice in the fight but jumped right up in the ratings with an immaculate performance. The fight was over 10 rounds.

A South African Zulu, Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini, who speaks no English, showed the crowd his ring savvy by scoring a clear win over experienced Juarez de Lima from Brazil over 10 rounds in the middleweight division. "Tap Tap" because of his effective jabbing used his left to drop de Lima in the first and second rounds but was unable to finish off his cagey opponent who was bewildered by the southpaw stance of Makhathini.

Makhathini won the first three rounds then in the fourth and fifth de Lima came to the fore but not when "Tap Tap's" left came into action. But the Brazilian was able to slip blows and score his own but then Makhathini found "reserve energy" and stormed ahead to win the fight. de Lima's lip was split and a small cut was on his right eyebrow.

▲Sydney Beck, "Mr. 100%" as he is known for passing the exam before he was able to judge the Foster-Fourie fight in Alberquerque last year has been "mysteriously" sacked as secretary of the Cape Province Boxing Board of Control after 14 years. He is mystified and can get no reason. For a man of his calibre, (he also was a judge at the Foster-Fourie title fight in Johannesburg), he is known as "Mr. Boxing" in the Cape, the sacking of Sydney Beck without reason demands explanation.

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DENNIS CUTS HARRIS OUT OF SHOW IN SCRANTON

By JIM LEO

Scranton, Pa. — Unbeaten heavyweight John "Dino" Dennis kept his streak intact, as he registered a 5th round TKO over Charley "Emperor" Harris, in a ten rounder promoted by the Friends of Boxing. Dino Dennis, at 204, from North Attleboro, Mass., was in complete command after a slow first round.

Referee Dick Woehrle stopped the contest at 1:13 of the fifth, with Harris, 213, Jersey City, cut badly over the left eye. Dennis, upped his record to 17-0-1, and is becoming a Scranton favorite.

In an exciting never stop punching eight rounder semi, Tommy Sheehan, 202, Dunmore, Pa., battled eight rounds to a draw with tough Brian O'Melia, 201, Jersey City.

In a six rounder, Paul Simonetti, 218, Dunmore, Pa., made a winning appearance before the hometown fans by stopping Ron Branche, 193, Philadelphia, at 2:10 of the second round.

In another scheduled six, Ernie Lassiter, 190, Newark, N.J., stopped Jose Casado, 183, New York, in 1:53 of the fourth. Referee Joe Salci, stopped it after a hurt Casado barely beat the count, he had been down twice in the first round.

In a four rounder, Jerry Snyder, 140, Endicott, N.Y., and Jimmy Phoenix, 139½, Philadelphia, fought to a draw in a crowd pleasing four rounder.

▲**Syracuse** — The International Veterans Boxers Association Ring #56, held a successful 6th Annual Dinner at LeMoyne Manor. Main speaker was former two time world title holder Carmen Basilio. Among the honored guests were Billy Backus, Boxing Commissioner, Robert Tiffany, Boxing Inspector, Fred Patuna, 81-year-old veteran timekeeper, Mike Dempsey, Leo Owens, former middleweight, and chief sparring mate of Basilio, now associated with the Bishop Forey Foundation, Tommy Ryan, local boxing veteran, Willa Prettyman, from the local Model City Agency, Scoop Gallello, IVBA President, and Irv Silverman, Secretary. Dick Tobin, popular announcer, along with Red Parton, radio personality, handled the "mike" chores. Billy Harris, is President, while John Antonacci, serves as Board Chairman.

▲The local Central New York Amateur Club, spearheaded by former fighters Hugo Bonacci and Ray Rinaldi, have been very instrumental in reviving the amateur boxing programs throughout Central New York and the State.

Recently former world's heavyweight champion, and State chairman of the 1975 Heart Fund, Floyd Patterson, came into Syracuse with a team of boxers for an interesting show. Over 30 shows have been presented during the past few years. Other cities also involved in amateur programs in the area include Geneva, Auburn, Rochester, Cooperstown, Amsterdam, Rome, Albany and Buffalo.

ARCARI QUITS JUNIOR WELTER CLASS TO CHALLENGE NAPOLES

By J. A. TREE

BERLIN, Germany — Bruno Arcari, whom the WBC called the world junior welter champion, no longer has that title. He has notified Ramon Velasquez of the WBC that he no longer can make the weight of the class, which is 140 pounds.

Arcari was not the official champion of the class. He is Antonio Cervantes, of Colombia.

When Arcari announced that he had turned in the junior welter title it was thought that he had retired from the ring.

However, he explained that he is going after bigger game and bigger purses. He has challenged Jose Napoles for the world welter championship.

There is no doubt that Jose owns that title after having stopped Hedgemon Lewis.

Arcari's quitting the junior welters will spruce up interest in the welter division, which Napoles has cleaned up.

The WBC will call a fight for the title between Pedro Fernandez, the champion of Europe, and Lion Furuyama.

German boxing looked well on the way to recovery with several good shows this year and with a boxer named Eckhard Dagge all set to win a European crown.

Promoter Fritz Gretschel, with a purse of $30,000, was successful in bringing European junior middleweight champion Jose Duran, Spain, to Berlin to make a defense against Germany's best prospect since Gustav Scholz reigned, the 26-year old Dagge. The Teuton lost.

Tickets went well with patrons prepared to pay $25 for a ringside seat and, as the first gong sounded, nearly 11,000, the largest crowd in almost four years, were in their seats with almost all expecting a German victory.

Dagge could not be expected to outscore the clever champion from Spain but he had the strength and the punch to win by the halfway mark.

By round four it was obvious that Dagge lacked experience for he had no answer to Duran's counter-punching. The Spaniard had fought nearly 50 battles before the German made his first appearance in March last year as a professional.

This was Dagge's 14th paid start and perhaps a couple of fights too soon. The German was taking far too many punches to the face in trying to land his payoff punch which had previously closed many of his bouts inside the distance.

Had Duran possessed the German's weapon of destruction, Dagge would have probably been in trouble very quickly. His punches were fast, crisp and frequent, and, although they began to close Dagge's left eye, they did not stop Dagge's advance. In round four the German finally landed the blow we had all waited for. A right that landed high on Duran's face sent the champion to the canvas for a count of eight. Another right and Dagge would be wearing the European crown and perhaps later a world title fight in Germany.

But it was all wishful thinking as Duran boxed cleverly until seconds later the bell closed the round. By the sixth, Dagge's left eye was completely closed and there was a very empty feeling in the hearts of most in the full Deutschlandhalle.

Few, however, gave up hope of seeing their local matador being crowned. Deep inside they must have known that his chances were becoming very slight, that the bout must be halted sooner or later and not allowed to continue to kill off the spirit and heart of a brilliant youngster who can still win a European crown and perhaps bring a world title to Germany, the first since Max Schmeling reigned in 1930.

It was a difficult task matching the Spaniard with two eyes, much less fighting on with one closed and the second swelling badly. A doctor inspected the damage at the close of round eight but the fight was allowed to continue. Dagge, knowing the end was near, made an all-out effort in the ninth and it nearly paid off. Duran was in real trouble but he just would not go down.

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EUROPEAN RATINGS

(As of October 15th 1974)

Heavyweights
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Bepi Ros (I)
3. Mario Baruzzi (I)
4. Bernd August (G)
5. Jan Lubbers (H)
6. Jose Urtain (S)
7. Dante Cane (S)
8. Casimiro Martinez (S)
9. Armano Zanini (I)
10. Lorenzo Zanoni (I)

Light heavies
* John Conteh (GB)
1. Karl Heinz Klein (G)
2. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)
3. Tom Bogs (D)
4. Conny Velensek (G)
5. Aldo Traversaro (I)
6. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
7. Sergio Janilli (I)
8. Lothar Stengel (G)
9. Christian Poncelet (F)
10. Jose Galvez Vasquez (S)

Middleweights
* Kevin Finnegan (GB)
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Jean Claude Bouttier (F)
3. Max Cohen (F)
4. Fabio Bettini (F)
5. Franz Csandl (A)
6. Frank Reiche (G)
7. Elio Calcabrini (I)
8. Mario Almanzo (I)
9. Daniel Martin (F)
10. Luciano Serti (I)

Junior Middles
* Jose Duran (S)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Jacques Kechichian (F)
3. Johann Orsolics (A)
4. Fighting Mack (H)
5. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)
6. Antonio Castellini (I)
7. Francis Vermandere (F)
8. Aldo Betini (I)
9. Domenico Tiberia (I)
10. Alberto Torri (I)

Welterweights
* John H. Stracey (GB)
1. Roger Menetrey (F)
2. Domenico DiLorio (I)
3. Max Heibesen (Switz)
4. Mario Scano (I)
5. Jorgen Hansen (D)
6. Germain Lemaitre (F)
7. Jacques van Maellerts (F)
8. Giuliano Nervino (I)
9. Gonzalez Dopico (S)
10. Walter Blaser (Switz)

Junior Welters
* Perico Fernandez (S)
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Toni Ortiz (S)
3. Roger Zami (F)
4. Cemal Kamaci (T)
5. Piero Ceru (I)
6. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)
7. Tommaso Marocco (I)
8. Antonio Chiodoni (I)
9. Bernard Creto (F)
10. Fernando Sanchez (S)

Lightweights
* Ken Buchanan (GB)
1. Antonio Puddu (I)
2. Ugo DiPietro (I)
3. Nedo Fabbri (I)
4. Leonard Tavarez (F)
5. Efisio Pinna (I)
6. Andre Holvk (F)
7. Miguel Velazquez (S)
8. Giancarlo Usai (I)
9. Enzo Pizzoni (I)
10. Manuel Calvo (S)

Junior Lights
* Sven Erik Paulsen (N)
1. Lothar Abend (G)
2. Ugo Poli (I)
3. Jean Piedvache (F)
4. Erkki Nikkinen (Fn)
5. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
6. Mario Redi (I)
7. Miguel Molleda (S)
8. Domingo Jiminez (S)
9. Felix Brami (F)
10. Girogio Merlin (I)

Featherweights
* Giteno Jiminez (S)
1. Elio Cotena (S)
2. Toni Sassarini (I)
3. Enzo Farinelli (I)
4. Bruno Pieraci (I)
5. Daniel Vermandere (F)
6. Gilles Debert (F)
7. Ramiro Marichal (S)
8. Rodolfo Garcia (S)
9. Nino Jiminez (S)
10. Albert Amatier (F)

Bantamweights
Title vacant
1. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)
2. Guy Caudron (F)
3. Bob Allotey (S)
4. Ambrogio Mariani (I)
5. Ferdinando Ripamonti (I)
6. Jacky Bihin (F)
7. Jose Luis Otero (S)
8. Luigi Tessarini (I)
9. Antonio Tenzas (S)
10. Pedro Molledo (S)

Flyweights
Title vacant
1. Fernando Atzori (I)
2. Emilio Pireddu (I)
3. Franco Sperati (I)
4. Pedro Molledro (S)
5. Mariano Garcia (S)
6. Dino Contemori (I)
7. Franco Udella (I)
8. Dominque Cessari (I)
9. Altero Marini (I)
10. Christian Martin (F)

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CAMPANINO THRICE VICTOR, GALINDEZ BY KO

By SIMON BRONENBERG and ALFREDO PORZIO

Buenos Aires Argentina — Two names, Victor Galindez, contender for the world light heavy title and welter Miguel Campanino, Argentine champion, stand out.

Galindez stopped Domingo Silveira, of Uruguay, in five rounds.

Campanino distinguished himself with three victories within a month. He is the national welter champion. The results:

▲**Mendoza** — In the middle class Manuel Gonzalez beat Alfredo Ciccopiedi in 10 rounds.

▲**Cordoba** — Ex-Argentine bantam champion now in feather class Jose Casas whipped Victor Centurion in 10.

▲**Posadas** — Undefeated in junior welter class Walter Gomez kayoed Raul A. Sosa in six.

▲**Formosa** — In the light class Marcelo Tura beat Santos Petrovsky by a TKO in eight rounds.

▲**Resistencia** — In the junior welter division Luis Jorge defeated Ceferino Morales in 10. Morales lost his undefeated position.

▲**Cruz Alta** — In the light class Raul Colombo and Jose Filippi drew in 10.

▲**Salta** — In the light division Carlos Ibanez beat Antonio Rosso in 10.

▲**San Juan** — In the bantam division Rolando Lahoz beat Hugo Flores in 6 and in the same class Jose M. Devia and Hugo Emer drew in 6.

▲**Metan (Salta)** — Martin Rojas kayoed Antonio Comashi in first. They are lightweights.

▲**Guemes (Salta)** — In the feather class Hipolito Nunez and Armando Riveros drew in second round. (Medical decision)

▲**Tunuyan (Mendoza)** — In the feather class Tomas Aguero kayoed Marcos Urquiza in 4th round.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the Unidos de Pompeya ring welter Carlos Peralta beat Miguel A. Fernandez in 10.

▲**Rosario** — In the middle class Octavio Escauriza beat Ruben "Skipy" Martinez in 10 rounds.

▲**Bahia Blanca** — In the welter class Carlos Pachezo whipped Guillermo Esparza in 6.

▲**San Juan** — In the light heavy class Argentine and South American champion Victor Galindez kayoed Domingo Silveira, from Uruguay in five rounds (non title bout and Argentine light champion Hugo Gutierrez kayoed Manuel Lira from Uruguay, in first round.

▲**Cordoba** — Welter Miguel Maldonado whipped Angel Roman in 10.

▲**Jujuy** — In the light class Oscar Tapia and Angel Diaz drew in 10 and in the welter division Mario "Tuzi" Segada won the local title over Raul Rodriguez in 8 rounds.

▲**San Carlos de Bariloche** — Argentine welter champion Miguel A. Campanino beat Victor Nilo, from Chile. Non title bout.

▲**Resistencia** — In the light division Julio Campagna beat Julio Alegre in 10.

▲**Rio Tercero** — Rafael Zalazar kayoed Ramon Caceres in second round. They are lights.

▲**Posadas** — In the light division Eduardo Sandoval beat Santiago Lopez in 10.

▲**Merlo** — Jr. welter Hector Hernandez beat Ramon Orellana in 10.

▲**Posadas** — Pedro Aguero defeated Juan Olivera in 10. They are lightweights.

▲**Chacabuco** — Jr. welter Vicente Martinez beat Abel Funes by a TKO in second round.

▲**San Juan** — Juan A. Reyes whipped Luis Garrido in 10. They are feathers.

▲**Junin** — In the welter division good prospect Mario Guilloti beat Carlos Villalba in 10 rounds.

▲**Santa Rosa** — Undefeated Juan R. Cabral defeated Herminio Leal Castro in 10 (welters) and undefeated in the light class Justino Heredia and Jose M. Lopez drew in 10.

▲**Cordoba** — In the bantam division Julio C. Saba whipped Juan C. Rios in 10.

▲**General Roca** — Argentine champion in the welter class Miguel A. Campanino whipped Omar Zarza in 10 (non title bout) and in the junior welter class Gregorio Martinez won over Jose Coronado in second round (medical decision).

▲**Villa Maria** — In the feather class Carlos Portillo beat Andres Abalos by a TKO in third round.

▲**Villaguay** — Juan Noguera beat Rodolfo Calderolli in 10. They are feathers.

▲**Formosa** — In the junior welter division Jorge O. Paredes beat Antonio Guerrero in 6 and in the light class Victor Oviedo beat Antonio Guerrero in 6.

▲**Tandil** — In the welter division Anibal Di Lella kayoed Roberto Estrella in fourth round.

▲**Caleta Olivia** — In the junior welter division Hugo Martinez and Santiago Lopez drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Gualeguay** — Juan A. Cardozo beat Angel Gutierrez in 10. They are light heavies.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the ring of Unidos de Pompeya light junior Oscar Barrios whipped Venancio Gonzalez in 10.

▲**Bahia Blanca** — In the junior middle class Juan "Yani" Garcia defeated Hugo Saavedra by disqualification in third round.

▲**Pergamino** — In the light class Miguel Aguila won over Victor Lucero by a TKO in five.

▲**Trelew** — Jr. welter Juan Jose Gimenez (brother of Carlos Gimenez, Argentine jr. welter champion) beat Miguel A. Gutierrez by a TKO in six.

▲**Salta** — In the light class Marciano Tura and Oscar Tapia drew in 10.

▲**Resistencia** — In the junior welter division Luis Jorge defeated Carlos Castello by a TKO in 3rd.

▲**Posadas (Misiones)** — Argentine welter champion Miguel Angel Campanino beat Miguel Fernandez by points in 10. (Non title bout)

▲**Santa Rosa** — Undefeated in the junior welter class R. Cabral beat Angel Moyano by a TKO in seventh round. In the light class Justino Heredia, undefeated, beat Eduardo Romero by KO in first round and Luis Cabral won over Ramon Perez in 10. They are welters.

▲**Santa Fe** — Undefeated in the junior welter class Ceferino Morales kayoed Juan Peralta in 5th round.

▲**Trelew** — In the junior light division Juan D. Malvarez and Ruben Granado drew in 10.

▲**Parana** — Juan C. Lazzarini beat Carlos Billena in 8 (lights) and Jose L. Acosta outpointed Santos Petrovsky in 8 (lights.)

▲**San Juan** — In the junior light class Armando Riveros beat Raul Chaille in 8; Hugo Emer outpointed Martin Devia in 6 (bantams) and in the feather class Juan C. Vedia beat Rafael Uncos by a TJO in six.

▲**Cordoba** — In the light division Angel Olea won over Juan Ochea by a TKO in 5th.

▲**Buenos Aires** — Lightweight Antonio Ross whipped Eduardo Sandoval in 10.

▲**General Deheza** — In the light heavy class Victor Pereyra outpointed Valentin Deheza in six rounds.

▲**Mar del Plata** — Carlos Jofre whipped Alfredo Moyano in 8th round (lights).

▲**Gualeguay** — in the feather class Roberto Barrientos (Olympic representative in Munich) beat Marcos Urquiza in 10.

▲**Carmen de Patagones** — Miguel Lazarte beat Roberto Urretaviscaya in 10. They are flyweights.

▲**Rio Gallegos** — No. 1 in the official Argentine ranking in the light class Jorge Gomez outpointed Ramon Duarte in 10.

▲**Arrecifes** — In the junior welter class Fernando Porcel whipped Carlos Taborda in 10 rounds.

▲**Guemes (Salta)** — Alberto Almiron and Carlos Cuellar drew in 10. (Middles)

▲**Posadas** — No. 1 in the fly class Carlos Escalante beat Diego Vega Ramirez (from Paraguay) in 10 rounds. Feathers: No. 1 in the feather class Ramon Gonzalez beat Ernesto Fernandez in 10.

▲**Mendoza** — In the light division Juan I. Vedia kayoed Julio C. Obregon in first round.

▲**Morteros** — Undefeated in the junior welter class Juan A. Merlo beat Carlos Mino by a TKO in first round.

▲**Resistencia** — In the feather division Domingo Casco outpointed Ismael Diaz in 10.

▲**Cordoba** — Argentine light champion Hugo Gutierrez beat Miguel Coria by a TKO in six. (Non title bout)

▲**Concordia** — No. 1 in the middle class Juan C. Bogado beat Gregorio Navarro in 10 rounds.

▲**Parana** — Undefeated in the junior welter class Daniel Gonzalez defeated Jose Baquero from Uruguay in 10 and in the middle class Ramon "Clay" Perez kayoed Jose Juncos in first round.

▲**Salta** — In the junior middle division Ruben "Skippy" Martinez beat Hugo Trujillo in 10 and in the fly class Rodolfo Rodriguez defeated Jose Flores by a TKO in 4.

▲**San Juan** — In the welter class Raul A. Sosa beat Hugo Espindola in 10.

▲**Chanar Ladeado** — Rene Campos and Nazareno Benitez drew in 10. (Lights)

▲**Rufino** — In the light division Armando Bustos kayoed Remigio Morales in seventh round.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At the ring of Unidos de Pompeya Luis H. Cabral beat Rogelio Zarza in 10.

▲**Rio Tercero** — In the welter division Raul Colombo beat Americo Munoz by a TKO in fourth round. Lights: Rafael Zalazar kayoed Julio Gaitain in second.

▲**Rosario** — Julio Campagna beat Gregorio Villavicencio in 10. They are lightweights.

▲**Posadas** — In the light heavy division Oscar Campagna beat Virgilio Fernandez by a TKO in third round.

COLOMBIANS SEE VILLA BEAT ARGENTINE AZEVEDO

By LUIS A. GONZALEZ (LAGOVEN)

Barranquilla, Colombia — Emiliano Villa, local champion in lightweight class, and junior welterweight, outpointed Everaldo Costa Azevedo, Argentina, in ten rounds.

Feather Armando Perez scored a TKO in the 5th over Nedio Cardi, Italy.

Another Colombian prospect, Juanito Herrera, flyweight, TKO'ed Antonio Spand, Italy, in the first round. Herrera's record is now 10-0-1, 7 by KO. Flyweight Prudencio Cardona knocked out Abdobdon Peralta, Ecuador, in the first round.

In another card, Juan "Tutunendo" Cordoba knocked out Angel "Manopla" Rodriguez, at 2:02 of the 3rd.

Andres "Lumumba" Salgado, lightweight, Colombian exchampion, KO'ed Jose Zuniga, in the first round.

Hermogenes Casseres lost to Julio Sanjuan in the third round. Jorge Escorcia, feather, of Colombia, TKO'ed Edecio Molero, Venezuela in 7.

▲**Monteria** — Ivo Lopez decisioned Manual Sanjuan in six, bantamweight. Luis Zuniga, local bantam, knocked out Jaime Ramirez, Cartagena, in 3.

Junior welterweights Enrique Higgins and Reinaldo Ramirez, drew in ten. Wilfredo "Torito" Castro knocked out veteran Cipriano "Barbulito" Zuluaga in 3.

▲**Bogota** — Alvaro Lopez, bantamweight, decisioned Luis Zuniga, in ten. The local welter Miguel "Zurdo" Garcia, knocked out Cristobal Diaz, Cartagena, in 3. Francisco "Chocolate" Garces, Magangue's bantamweight, beat Delmiro Barrera in four, unanimous decisions.

In another card, Fausto Cortes, Cali, knocked out Saul Ariza, Bogota, in 3. Henry Diaz, Cartagena's flyweight, lost to Ricardo Estupinan, 6, and Francisco "Boogaloo" Castro, knocked out Fernando "Zurdo" Bustos in the 3rd.

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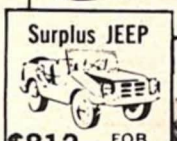

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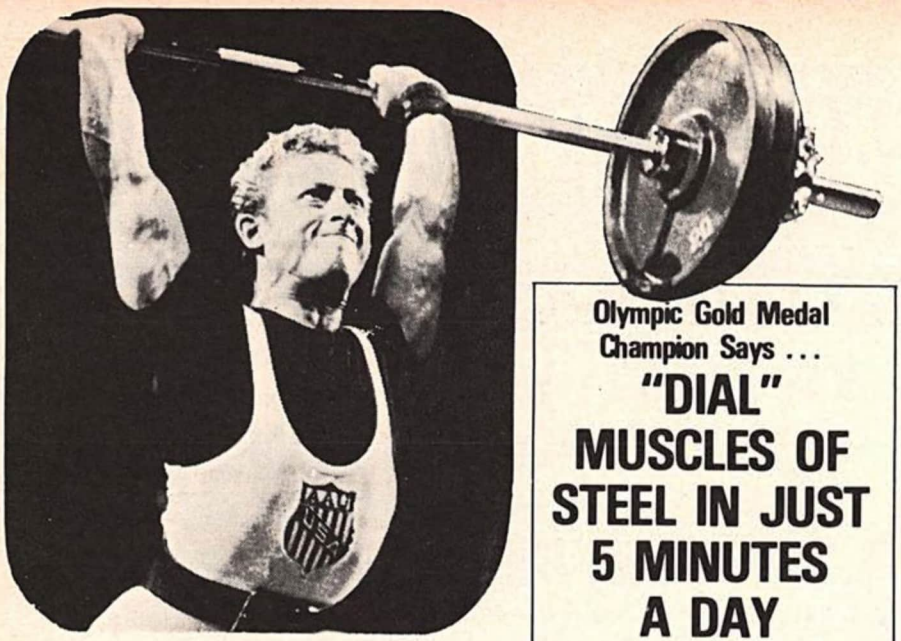

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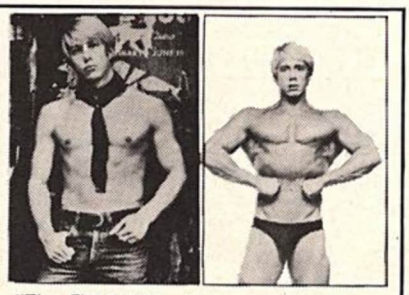

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LEFTY MAYORAL STOPS GOINS IN 7TH ROUND

By MIKE SCHWARTZ

Oak Brook, Illinois — Stormin' Norman Goins, Indianapolis, and Angel Mayoral, Las Vegas, two of The Ring's highest ranked U.S. lightweights, went at it in a 10-rounder here before 4,500 fans at the Forum.

The more experienced Mayoral, firing from his southpaw stance, had just enough ring savvy to contain the power of Goins, and the Mexican finally rallied to halt Stormin' Norman at 2:19 of the seventh round.

It was a toe-to-toe slugfest all the way, with Mayoral picking his spots and picking up points through his smarter punching, while Goins pounded away with such terrific body shots that Mayoral was reduced to a walk by the fourth round.

The fifth round was the best for Goins, who had Mayoral hurt and hanging on the ropes most of the session, on the verge of a knockout. Surprisingly, Mayoral rallied and staggered Goins just as the bell sounded.

Goins took it slow through round six, still hurting, but the wobbly Mayoral was unable to do any more damage as they flailed away uneffectively for the entire round. By the seventh, though, Mayoral had recovered more than Goins, and a series of unanswered shots finally dropped Norman in his corner for the full count.

Mayoral justified his position among The Ring's leaders by running his record to 41-6-1, with 16 KOs. He has won 11 straight. Goins, who also proved worthy of the lofty rating bestowed upon him by this publication, suffered his first loss, and now is 10-1-1, with nine KOs. His future remains quite bright.

Promoter George Randazzo and matchmaker Joey Granato's show grossed $44,000, with most of the dollars paid to see undefeated local middleweight sensation Rocky DiFazio in action.

DiFazio, 156, Melrose Park, was hard pressed again to defeat Don Boulter, 154, Toronto, in the 10-round feature. Rocky had earned a split decision over the same man two months earlier in Milwaukee, and while the decision this time was unanimous, the margin of victory was just as narrow.

DiFazio, with only a handful of amateur bouts under his belt, boosted his pro mark to 19-0-2, but suffered a cut eye in the process. The pattern throughout all 10 rounds saw the rugged DiFazio chasing, and the agile Canadian running. Rocky tried, but was almost outsmarted by the more nimble Boulter.

Still, the fight was almost antidimatic, following the hectic Mayoral-Goins affair, and a fine undercard that had three breaks at the noon weigh-in, yet still thrilled the fans.

Rocky Martinez, 164, Milwaukee, came in overweight, so his opponent, Sammy NeSmith, of Indianapolis, refused to spot him the 10-pound difference in their weight.

Ray (Sweet Baby) Smith, 170, Chicago, subbed for NeSmith (who himself was subbing for Detroit's Lee Barber), and Smith stopped Martinez on cuts when Rocky could not come out for round five. Smith now 3-3, Martinez 11-5-1.

Danny Brewer, 172, Chicago, subbing for Jimmy Phillips of Memphisl came through with a third round knockout over touted Chuck Warfield, 173, Chicago. An overhand right at 2:32 did the trick for Brewer, now 5-1, while Warfield sank to 6-2.

Game Bobby Crawford, 145, Chicago, has a poor record (2-15-2), but always comes to fight. This time he looked a clear winner over equally gutty Tommy Tarantino, 137, Milwaukee, but the fight was judged a four-round draw. Crawford was filling in for Maurice Sanders of Chicago, while Tarantino, spotting his man eight pounds, is now 5-5-2.

JIMINEZ WINS ON TKO IN 4 OVER VALDEZ IN COLOMBIA

By LUIS A. G. VENGOECHA (LAGOVEN)

Cartagena, Colombia — Nestor "Baba" Jiminez made his first defense of his Colombian bantamweight title, winning by technical knockout over Ruben Valdez (La Cobra or Panterita), in the fourth round.

Shortly after the contest got under way, Jiminez dropped Valdez for the mandatory eight count with a right to the jaw. When the challenger got to his feet, the champion pinned him gagainst the ropes and uncorked a barrage in an unsuccessful effort to put him away.

"Baba" Jiminez opened a cut over "La Cobra" Valdez's eye in the second round. Valdez visited the canvas again in the second and the third rounds.

The referee halted the match, acting on the advice of the Commission physician, Dr. Gabriel Lago, who took eleven stitches to close the cut over Valdez's right and left eyes.

Jiminez's new record is 46-12-1 and the Valdez record is 25-1-0. It was the first loss for the challenger.

On the same card, Calixto Perez, flyweight, of Colombia, TKO'ed Catalino Flores, Filipino, who did not respond to the bell for the eighth round.

Jaime Ricardo, Colombian bantamweight, halted Maximo Figueroa, Panama, in the 3rd of a ten rounder at 2:38.

"Huracan" Silva, feather of Costa Rica, gained a close points victory over Colombian Jesus Sanctis, in ten rounds.

Colombian welterweight champion, Jose Vasquez, decisioned Reynaldo Chico in a ten. Non title bout.

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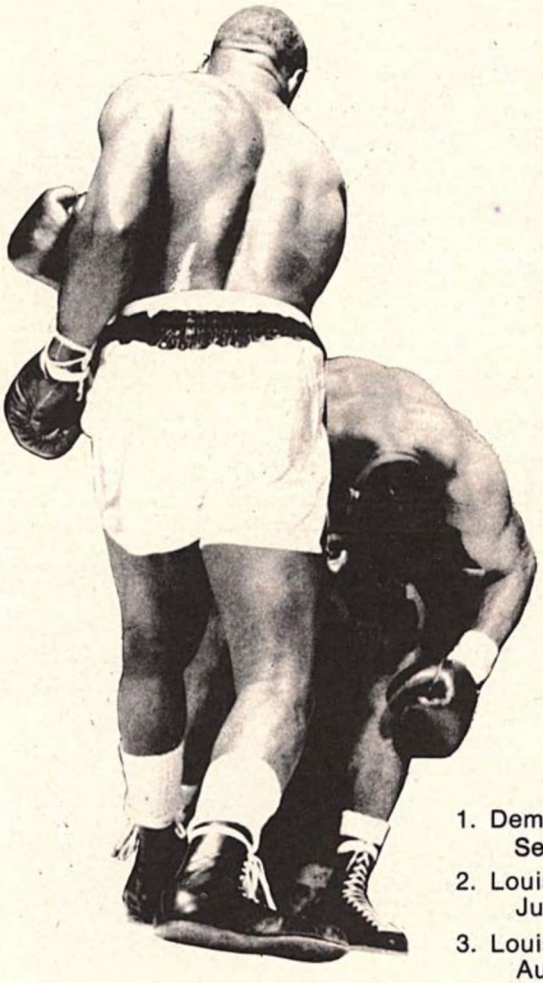

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"RINGSIDE" WITH "SAILOR" DON SAUER

Muhammad Ali may be rather close with his coins—but then again every moneymaker in sports—if he's smart—has to be!! He has to maintain the pose of being tight with the coin or every hanger on along the punch promenade would be trying to hustle him. The late Rocky Marciano was the same way. These guys with the open hand soon have a wallet to match and after the purse has been plucked pink the pluckees crawl back under their rocks and are never again seen in the presence of their former benefactor—a word to the wise should be sufficient!! Quite a crowd gathered around N.Y.C. fight manager, Al Bachman at the Governor Carver Motor Inn in historic Plymouth, Mass., as he was telling how Maxie Rosenbloom got the monicker Slapsie Maxie—and who should know better than Al?? Rosenbloom was managed by his late dad, Frank E. Bachman, the dean of the old time fight managers—Al was visiting with this writer in historic Plymouth, Mass. . .with his charming wife and two children. . .Marvelous Marvin Hagler is the name I mentioned many times in this column—and now the Brockton, Mass., glove wielder is making niche in the world of fisticuffs—he's coming on all eight. . ."Bat" Battalino the ex-featherweight champ had 88 bouts. . .and only was kayoed one time8that by Billy Petrolle, the Fargo Express—today's fighters are through after only 25 or 30 fights—the reason is the lack of smart managers and talented trainers. . .there are only a handful of competent boxing trainers around today—the rest are simply "towel boys". . .Mike Dundee is the manager of Elisha Obed, the tough socking junior middleweight with a 50-0-1 record. . .and Mike is the son of Miami Beach fight promoter Chris—and nephew of Angelo Dundee trainer of Muhammad Ali—so this young man comes with some pretty solid fistic credentials. . .eh wot?? Former middleweight champion, Paul Pender is now the "assistant athletic director" for the University of Massachusetts with his office at the Columbia Point, U of Mass., annex in Boston. . .Pender toiled as "recreation officer" at Norfolk Prison Colony for years—but now he has bettered himself. . .Heavyweight Jimmy Ellis continues to work out in the gym daily—and is available for "ring work" whenever asked. . .he's a great guy teaching the youngsters—and a fine family man. . .Percy Rodriguez, known to Americans as "Dr. Harry Miles" on the old prime time soap opera, Peyton Place, started on a career as a boxer—before entering the acting field. . .he started boxing as a youngster because of his first name—everyone was "picking on him". . .but he soon deserted the fight beat for a more lucrative career in the movies and on TV. . .Veteran middleweight socker, Denny Moyer out of Portland, Oregon, has shared the ring with 10 world champions during a 17-year career—and is still looking for work—his motto might be "have gloves will travel". . .Denny has boxed 'em all—far and wide. . .Former lightweight champ, Mando Ramos is back in his native Los Angeles. . .after winning four bouts and losing one in Germany and Austria. . .Lot of good fighters have come out of Youngstown, Ohio and Tony Janiro was one of them—now comes "white hope" Mike Koranicki, a heavyweight who is cutting a wide swath in the ranks and is trained by the veteran top trainer, Lou Gross at Miami Beach. . .Los Angeles boxing promoter Aileen Eaton continues to make the "big matches" even though she has just passed her 64th milestone—Aileen took over when her husband Cal passed away in 1966 and has done a tremendous job—it was Mrs. Eaton who started heavyweight Jerry Quarry on his road to fistic riches many years ago. . .making the right matches for the "Bellflower Bomber". . .It is time for Jolly Jack O'Halloran to hang 'em up for good and for his own good. . .he could turn to the "grunt and groan" profession and play the role of the villain. . .Jimmy Heair traveled to Austrilia for a match—but is now back in California rings where he hopes to garner a world title shot in 1975. . .Indian Red Lopez, who has been idle since July of 1973, picked up a check for $7,500 for boxing John Stracey in a London, England ring recently. Former Canadian lightheavyweight champ, Burke Emery, now based in San Diego, is training a 16 year old youngster named Ruben Castillo with all the moves to become a real good fighter. . .we'll be watching for Ruben—Burke, that's for sure. . .Tommy Von Hatten, who is seconded by his beautiful wife Pam—(she sells the tickets)—owns a carpet cleaning business in Arlington, Texas, and makes around $18,000 a year without lacing on a glove—but he loves the ring game and this is why he continues, even though he has had trouble winning of late. . .Munroe Brooks, a 137 pounder working California rings is a name to remember for future references—here's a kid who can't miss. . .That fine young 16 year old middleweight out of New Bedford, Mass., Paul Poirier, is being brought up by his sister Lillian, who is a policewoman in the Whaling City—his mother and father are deceased. . .Poirier just entered his sophomore year at New Bedford, Mass. high school. . .quite a gifted performer. . .Deacon Jack Hurley has been gone for years—he was truly a great boxing personality—I can always remember him telling me about his light heavyweight protege Harry "Kid" Matthews, who later turned out to be a heavyweight contender—after his first fight under the Hurley banner. . .Matthews asked Hurley how he did. . .and Jack replied—wryly—"if the fight took place on the corner of Clark and Madison in Chicago, you wouldn't have gotten arrested for disturbing the peace". . .Eleven championship boxing matches were conducted in the Chicago Stadium between 1949 and 1956—and for the past 4 years there has been relatively little fistic action in the Windy City—!! Dick Sadler, who handles George Foreman, has been in boxing for over 50 years, he was the manager of top light heavyweight of the thirties, Tiger Jack Fox out of Spokane, Washington. . .Mary Carol Brooks, wife of Arizona's aging heavyweight Reco Brooks, is also a social worker—plus caring for the couple's four youngsters. . .Veteran California boxing manager, Mel Epstein, who handles the ring destiny of Irish Mike Nixon, would like to go back to Butte, Montana to a hideaway like Hungry Horse Dam—where Mel spent many a winter in his younger days. . .Mickey "The Kid" Davies has to be the top matchmaker in the country—when he puts 'em together he comes up with a war—Davies has his club at the San Diego Coliseum in that Navy liberty port. . .Didja know that Willie "The Beard" Gilzenberg, who piloted Freddie "Red" Cochrane to the welterweight throne, is an honorary deputy sheriff in Scranton, Pa.?? Vincent Cream, son of Jersey Joe Walcott is an ordained minister and his oldest son, Arnold, Jr., is a lieutenant in the Camden, N.J. Police Dept.?? That Gil Turner, ex-welterweight contender from Philly, earned more than $200,000 now draws $200 monthly on a $40,000 endowment that matured a few years ago—his old manager, George Katz insisted Gil save his money—and now it is paying off!! They're still talking about the night that Harold Dade, a 1-15 shortender, upset Manuel Ortiz in the Civic Auditorium to become the world bantamweight champion. . .and how referee Jimmy Duffy was flattened in the Coliseum Bowl when Larry Cartwright, a terrific puncher, missed his opponent and hit Duffy flush on the chin!! How the California State Athletic Commission stopped Carl "Bobo" Olson from fighting after he scored 10 straight wins, when they learned he was only 17 years old!! Former lightweight contender of the forties, Maxie Shapiro, was summoned for jury duty in New York recently—they asked him to fill out a form listing two good reasons why he felt he was unfit to think clearly sitting on a jury—"Ray Robinson and Henry Armstrong" was Maxie's reply—so true—so true—!! Jimmy Scott, is a top light heavyweight belter out of Miami Beach, managed by Murray Gaby, who is looking for action for his tiger anywhere, if the price is right. . .George Foreman moves around in a $33,000 two-tone brown Rolls Royce, license plate, Michi F., for his 20 month old daughter. . .Congratulations to U.S. jr. welterweight champ, Tony Petronelli out of East Bridgewater, Mass., who just took his matrimonial vows. . .we wish Tony the very best—he'll be back in action next month at the Boston Garden. . .Charley Rose, New York fight manager who is 88 years old, is still going at a remarkable gait. . .Rose worked with champions, was Max Schmeling's first American manager, was there when Max made his American debut, stopping my old pal, Joe Monte, who is still living in Brockton, Mass., is making his money selling liquor. . .Joe is a great guy and a fine family man. . .Bob Cleroux, former Canadian heavyweight champ, who had a win over George Chuvalo many years ago is still looking around the Dominion for talent to send to his old American manager, Al Bachman of N.Y.C. . . Lou Nova, heavyweight of the Joe Louis era, staged a smoker for the benefit of the P.A.L. in California, and it brought such former ring greats as Gorilla Jones, Art Aragon, Mike Mazurki and Jim London, out to show they are still interested in helping kids out. . .Veteran boxing manager, Bill Daly is looking for ring action for his jr. welter, Hector Matta, and also his heavyweight Jose "King" Roman. . .Sam Pian, former manager of Barney Ross and Tony Zale, isn't ready to return unless he can get at least a near champion. . .Fritzie Zivic, former welter champ, has a son with championship timber—who has four restaurants in New England and looking to build even more. . .good boy. . .The new World Football League is hurting the boxing game in Tampa, Fla., as matchmaker Joe Brady is now thinking of running shows on a Wednesday from now on instead of the old Thursday night offings. . .For the guys who want to know, Lou Viscusi tells me that his champ, Bob Foster, will put his title up for grabs, but he wants a guarantee of $200,000—cash, not talk!! Jimmy Dupree, veteran middleweight out of Jersey, is married to a registered nurse—a real smart gal, and she will tell the 41 year old Dupree when it is time to quit the ring. . .he's in good shape, and still manages to hold his own with the best around today. . .Could it be that Babe Griffin will be forced to fold his club in Sacramento as they raised his rent from $350 to a grand and the percentage from five to ten percent. . .this could compel Babe to operate solely in San Carlos and San Francisco. . .Joe Herman, co-owner of the Newman-Herman Gym in Frisco, doesn't hang around there much anymore—at the age of 75 years, Joe is on the move again, looking for a heavyweight contender. . .Jackie Smith out of Brockton, Mass., is a kid I like for the future—he's a "Blond Bomber", with a lot of ring savvy—but he needs a good trainer right now. . .

See you next month—keep punching!!

WELTER RODRIGUEZ FLATTENS ESPINOZA IN FOUR HEATS

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

St. Paul, Minn. — Minneapolis welterweight Rafael Rodriguez had a fairly easy time upping his record to 13-1-1 when he scored a fourth round knockout over Denver's Joe Espinoza in an outdoor show at Mr. Anthony's.

Rodriguez was in control from the opening bell as he stalked Espinoza just waiting for the right opening. It was almost over in the first round when Rafael floored Espinoza with a right to the jaw. Espinoza got up but was in no mood to trade punches with Rodriguez as he quickly got on his bicycle.

Espinoza stunned Rodriguez in the third round with a right to the head but failed to follow up.

Rodriguez was set to end the match in the fourth round as he closed in on Espinoza. Midway into the round Rafael landed a left hook dropping Espinoza flat on his back in the corner where he was counted out. Espinoza now has a 5-4-0 record.

Promoter Cal Cox had problems and cancled one of the pro prelims and two of the amateur matches that had been scheduled, which did not make the fans happy. On one occasion all the lights went out plunging the outdoor arena into nearly complete darkness.

Gary Struss, St. Paul (2-1-1) fought a tought fast paced draw with Al "Tiger" Bell of Chicago (1-0-1) in a four round light heavyweight bout.

Gary Holmgren of St. Paul (4-1-0) knocked out one Bobby Orr of Chicago (0-2-0) in the first round of a welterweight fight. Orr's first fight took place in 1967.

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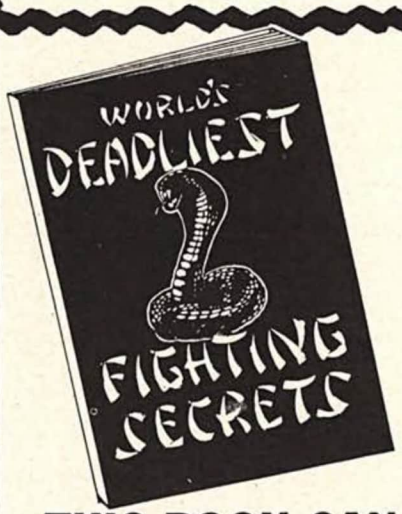

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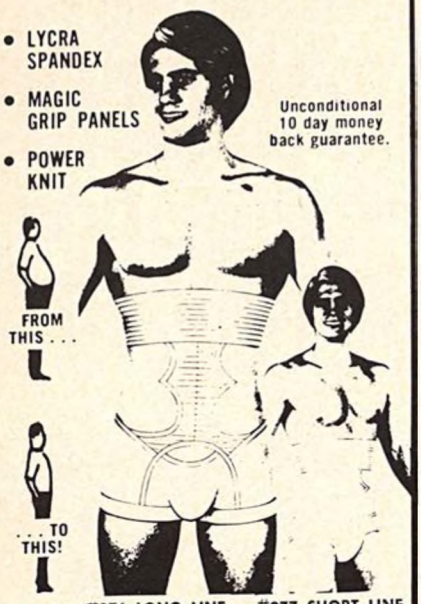

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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Abraham pushed Hernandez hard in the early rounds, but the powerful hitting Mexican-American took over in the fifth round and finished up a decisive winner.

In a co-feature 10-rounder, Frankie Duarte, 119½, Venice, knocked out Antonio Garcia, 120½, Mexicali, after 2:14 of the fifth round.

It was Duarte's 14th knockout out of 15 starts.

Cesar Gomez, Kee, 109, Mexicali, decisioned Mario Rogelio, 113, Los Angeles, (4); Pete Ranzany, 142, Sacramento, decision over James Jackson, 147½, Los Angeles, (5).

▲**Los Angeles** — Portland's Ray Lampkin, 138, blasted game, but over-matched Pete Vital, 137, El Monte, out after 2:42 of the first round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the Olympic.

Lampkin put Vital down for an eight count with a left hook, then finished him off with a right to the chin. Vital was out for several minutes.

Later, Pete announced his retirement.

Rufino Hernandez, 119, East Los Angeles, dec. over Mario Rogelio, 115, Los Angeles, (6); Johnny Jensen, 120, Los Angeles, KO over Juan Lopez, 120, Mexico, (1); Abdul Bey, 125½, Chicago, dec. over Ignacio Bravo, 126, Los Angeles, (5).

▲**Los Angeles** — Idle the past nine months, Pedro Lovell of the Argentine hardly worked up a sweat in disposing of trial horse Billy Daniels in one round in the feature event at the Olympic Auditorium.

A barrage of body punches sent Daniels to the floor. He remained on the seat of his pants and was counted out by referee John Thomas.

Because of his poor performance, the State Athletic Commission held up Daniels' purse. He was later fined all but four hundred of his $1,200 check.

Also, Billy got into additional problems with the Commission. He falsified his license application by listing his age as 33, instead of 37, two years over the California age limit for boxers.

Lovell, who weighed 206, now has a 14-1 record with 13 knockouts. Daniels tipped in at 197½.

Bob Bozic, 203½, Toronto, scored a 10-round split decision over Mel Marshall, 202½, Oceanside. Raul Rosette, 117, Los Angeles, dec. over Mario Rogelio, 114, Mexico, (5); Juvencio Bernal, 138, Los Angeles, dec. over Luis O'Campo, 137½, East Los Angeles, (4).

The gate was $9,696.50.

▲**San Diego** — Facing his first seasoned opponent, young Randy Shields, 136, North Hollywood, was a convincing points winner over Raul (Lobito) Montoya, 138½, San Jose, in the 10-round feature at the Coliseum.

Shields, a former national Golden Gloves champion, had too much speed and youth going for him.

Kevin Morgan, 146, San Diego, TKO over Lonnie Travies, 147, Bakersfield, (1); Sergio Ayala, 127½, Los Angeles, dec. over Bobby Larsen, 130½, San Diego, (5); Jerry Robinson, 140½, San Diego, KO over Pedro Hernandez, 142½, National City, (2).

ALI'S FAREWELL MEANS RESHAPING OF HEAVYWEIGHTS

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Joe is an extremely erratic fighter. He runs from very good to very bad and it is difficult to rate him as a real contender.

It is strange to find Britain's best heavy cheered to the echo in one fight and hooted in another, with the cheers coming in the more difficult assignment.

There is, of course, Joe Frazier, who still is a formidable heavy even after his six knockdowns in only two rounds by Foreman. Could be that one punch in particular was the major blow in Joe's defeat. But he is not the Frazier of yore, in any event. The first fight with Ali took a lot out of him.

What is to be said about Cassius Clay Muhammad Ali?

The years have fallen lightly on Ali but they have fallen, nevertheless, and he is thinking of an easier life.

At a press conference not so long ago, in the Garden, he opened with the statement that he was going to Zaire for his last fight.

This statement would be easy of translation if it may not have been subject to revision. It is no wrong to Muhammad to place him in the equivocal class. A firm announcement of one day may be totally forgotten the next.

However, his statement at the press conference indicated that he was thinking of a home life.

Ali's Zaire commitment makes an appreciable addition to the fortune which had made him a multi-millionaire long before his match with Foreman.

Money hunger no longer is a factor in Clay's life.

Foreman, on the other hand, was in financial straits when he signed up for the Muhammad fight. Dick Sadler had oversold shares in George for living money.

Ken Norton's place in the heavyweight society was lowered drastically by Foreman. Nor did his recent KO of Kirkman lift him impressively. Norton, like Bugner, is erratic. He seldom arrives at the maximum pitch in drive and aggressiveness. He was at his crest after his two fights with Ali but his first engagement with him may have been the best he ever will achieve.

There is a heavyweight in California named Howard Smith. He is the champion of the state. Smith has come along quietly. Possibly he is destined for importance.

Foreman owes it to Frazier to give Joe a fight, and it may be assumed that a fight it will be, but not too soon. It all depends how George feels after Zaire.

One thing is sure. When Ali retires it will be awfully lonesome in the Land of the Heavies.

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By HENRY YOUNG

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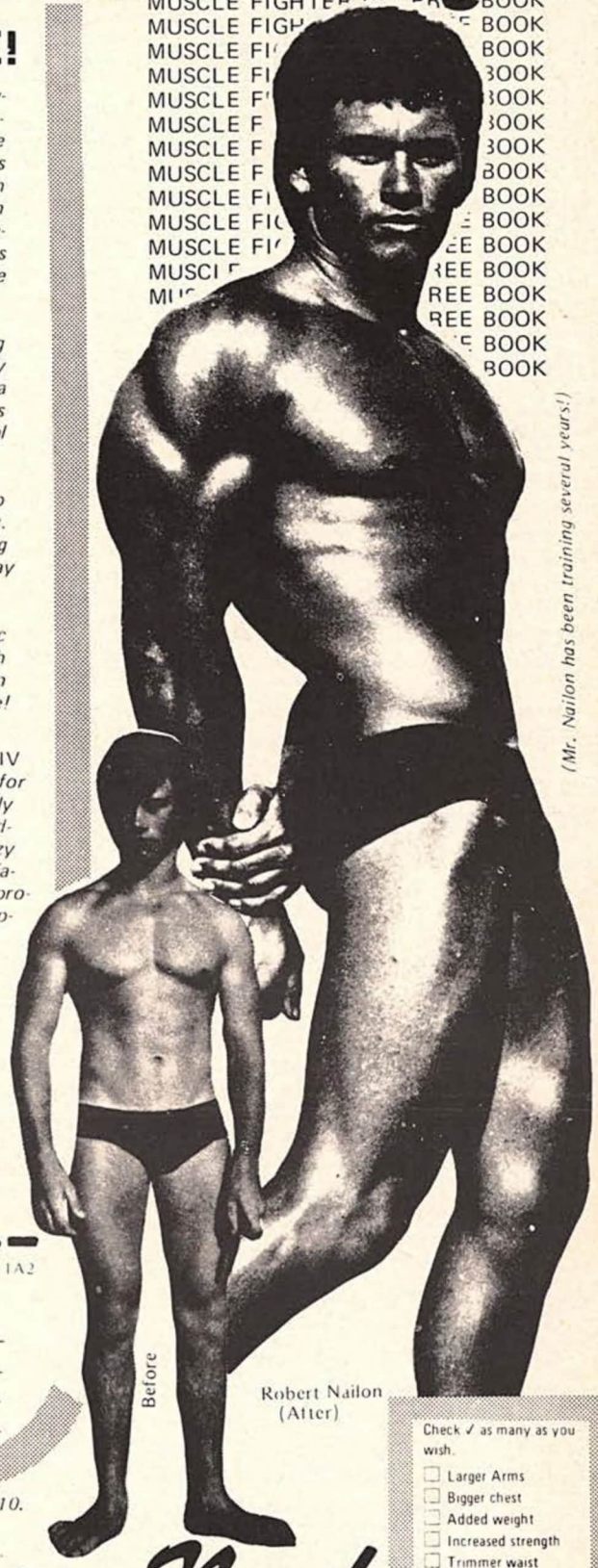

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ACTION IN EUROPE

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Dagge, whose strength was sapped, missed frequently because of his closed eye and could not pull the fight out of the fire. From then on, it needed a miracle, not Dagge's punch, braveness or courage to knock the champion from his pedestal. It was just a matter of time before he would be sent to his corner a beaten fighter.

Finally, James Brimmell, the British referee, took action in round 11 and, although the crowd were disappointed, the stoppage was overdue. Brimmell would have been in his rights to have called a halt a round earlier.

It was on November 27th, 1970, that promoter Willi Zeller presented a double feature, Hernandez - Marklewitz for the European junior middleweight title, and Del Papa Benedens for the European light heavyweight title, which attracted a crowd of over 10,000 here.

In Berlin in 1966, over 11,000 were in attendance when Italian Nino Benvenuti made a defense against German Jupp Else. In November of the same year, a Del Papa - Norbert Grupe European light heavyweight title fight attracted a crowd of 12,073. It is doubtful, however, if we shall ever see a crowd of 80,000 turn out for a promotion as in 1934 when Max Schmeling fought Walter Neusel in Hamburg.

German boxers have been involved in 133 European title fights. On 13 occasions two Germans met for a crown. Of the remaining 120 contests the Germans have won 56, lost 59 and drawn 5.

This was the fifth junior middleweight title fight with a German as one of the opponents. On 11 occasions, Germans have met Spanish boxers for a European title with the Spaniards winning six and the local boxers losing five. The Dagge - Duran affair was the 45th European title contest to be staged in Berlin.

SPAIN

▲**Santa Cruz** — Featherweight. Ramon Garcia outscored Adolfo Osses, eight. Junior middleweight. Moises Fajurdo outscored Epifanio Collado, eight.

▲**Madrid** — Junior lightweight. Manuel Calvo outpointed Luis Aisa, eight. Junior welterweight. Horacio Ruiz decisioned Juan Pena, eight.

▲**Madrid** — Heavyweight. Alberto Lovell beat Jose Galvez, KO6.

ITALY

▲**Cremona** — Heavyweight. Benito Penna beat Pasquale Rizzardo, KO3.

▲**Albegna** — Bantamweight. Salvatore Fabrizio outpointed Heribento Maxcareil, eight.

▲**Statte** — Junior lightweight. Domenico Chiloiro outscored Arrow Abu, eight.

▲**Vigevano** — Bantamweight. Luigi Tessarin outscored Gianni Garbo, eight.

▲**Viterbo** — Welterweight. Nicola Sassanelli and Antonio Lauri drew their ten rounder.

▲**Ardea** — Junior lightweight. Carlo Grassinetti decisioned Amleto Restano, eight.

▲**Rome** — Heavyweight. Oscar Bonavena beat Larry Renaud, KO3.

▲**Lignano Sabbiadoro** — Junior welterweight. Bruno Freschi outscored Luciano Laffranchi, six. Lightweight. Giuseppe Martucci outscored Paul Ikumpayi, six.

GERMANY

▲**Berlin** — Jose Duran, Spain, retained his European junior middleweight crown beating German Eckhard Dagge, the fight being stopped in round eleven. Middleweight. Frank Wissenbach, outscored fellow German, Alfred Fries, six. Light heavyweight. Victor Attivar, Ghana, beat German, Leo Kakolewicz, the bout being closed in round three. Middleweight. Jean Andre Emmerich, Germany, knocked out Britain Tony Byrne, in round seven. Heavyweight. Conny Velensek, Germany, drew his eight rounder with Ngozika Ekwelum, Nigeria.

WILDE, ROSS WERE STYLISTS TO THE VERY END

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wasn't to scale less than 135 and Ross not more than 142. Due to the postponement, however, the weight article was declared void. So the 28-year-old Ross entered the ring at 142, with Armstrong, 25, at 133½.

The crowd of 26,000 saw Armstrong, a perpetual windmill of a fighter take command of the fight in the third round. He, like Villa in the Wilde fight, possessed too much strength and stamina for Ross, who was unable to contend with the relentless, pressing attack of the Los Angeles-based Negro.

Barney was heroic in defeat, however. By the end of the 10th, he was a pathetic sight, an obviously beaten warrior. Referee Arthur Donovan asked Ross after every round from then on if he was able to continue. And each time, Barney, through bruised and bleeding lips, would answer, "Yes, I'm staying to the end."

And stay he did, though everyone in the arena wondered how. One eye was swollen closed. His nose dripped blood. His face was punched into distortion. But his pride remained resolute and firm. He had never been knocked out and was fiercely determined to protect that worthy accomplishment.

Despite the fervent pleas of his co-managers, Sam Pian and Art Winch, who begged him to quit after the 13th, Ross refused to stop. And, when the final bell rang, Barney was still on his feet, game to the very end.

In the dressing room after the fight, Ross said, "I wish I could have fought Henry five years ago. There was something missing in me tonight." Barney was forced to remain in bed for several days to rest up from the effects of the terrible beating he took.

That was to be Ross' last ring encounter, but not his last fight. Four years later, his outstanding bravery and courage enabled him to become one of the best-known heroes of World War II while a Marine at Guadalcanal in the South Pacific.

Sure, everybody loves a winner, but their hearts always go out to a valiant performer in defeat. That is most likely why the best remembered bouts of Jimmy Wilde and Barney Ross, two Hall of Famers, were their gallant last stands which gained them greater glory and admiration than any of their numerous victories.

WATKINS, 18, FIGHTS ALFARO TO STANDSTILL IN HOUSTON

By HARLAN HAAS

Houston, Tex. — Termite Watkins, the brilliant boxing and sharp punching former National Golden Glove champion, continued along the unbeaten trail by winning a unanimous eight-round decision over rugged Nick Alfaro of Tucson. Watkins was celebrating his 18th birthday which came two days later, and he made the most of it as he piled up a huge lead during the first six rounds by putting on as clever a display of boxing as we have seen down this way in a long time.

Watkins boxing and punching like a young, white counterpart of Sugar Ray Robinson had to withstand a furious seventh and eighth round assault by the willing visitor. Again, Watkins showed the stuff he is made of — once he was pinned into a corner and Alfaro was flailing away with both fists — the very next second Alfaro found himself spun around and lodged into the same corner. Termite weighed 132, Alfaro 134. The tough Arizonian had given good 10-round accounts of himself against Art Hafey, Ray Lampkin, and Angel Mayoral in previous bouts.

Tony Sanchez, 126, Houston (formerly of Mexico), and Ismael Gallegos, 126, Corpus Christi (formerly of Mexico), were ticketed for 12-rounds with the winner to be named Texas featherweight champion. The two little senors waged a toe to toe slugfest to the delight of the crowd. First one then the other was rocked. Gallegos received a cut eye in the fifth and the cut was widened in the sixth during a furious exchange of punches.

Dr. Henry Withers refused to let Gallegos come out for the seventh. So, the 20-year-old Sanchez becomes the new 126-pound champion of the Lone Star State.

Gene Wells, 162, Mobile, exploded a straight right hand off the exposed chin of elongated Willie Hicks, 167, Houston, in the fourth round and it was buenos noches for Willie — in other words — good night.

Mobile Gene Wells (this is not the Louisville, Miami Beach, Gene Wells) upped his record to 28-3-1 with his only losses coming to Gordon Lott, Willie Warren, and Hector Ortiz in past years all by 10-round decision. Augie Gomez, 150, Houston, dropped Pete Blanco, 153, Corpus Christi, twice in the fifth before putting the rough-tough visitor away for the evening. Blanco gave it a good try, but the sharpshooting Gomez had too much ring savvy.

Bill Watkins, Jr. (20-year old brother of Termite), 147, Houston, made an auspicious professional fighting debut by turning the lights out for Torito Rivas, 140, San Antonio, in round three. Bill, Jr., a former all around athlete at North Shore High School, was in command from the opening round with his aggressive and exciting two-fisted style of milling.

▲Johnny Boudreaux danced his way to a unanimous 10-round decision over the veteran George (Scrapiron) Johnson of Los Angeles. The 6-2½ inch Boudreaux used his superior reach to advantage and his nimble footwork kept him out of harm's way the entire night and this was the extent of the fight. Scrapiron bored in but was unable to connect solidly with the exception of a few body shots. Boudreaux is a fine boxer with a razor sharp left hand in fact we'd venture to say it is one of the best if not the best left hands in the game today, but it seems that the fans were spoiled by big bombers like Cleveland (Big Cat) Williams and Tod Herring in past years, plus the rough-house club fighting style of Dave (The Animal) Zyglewicz. It's a shame, but the boos lend proof to the statement. The 21-year old Boudreaux probably will not be cheered until he is in over his head and has to fight back out of desperation. Johnny weighed 197, Johnson 217.

Monterrey, Mexico's Victor Rocha, 120, stopped Arden Peralta, 119, Phoenix, with a barrage of punches in the fifth round of a scheduled 10. Peralta is a game little battler, but Rocha carried the heavier artillery and after four rounds of an interesting scrap he simply was taken out by the more experienced fighter from Monterrey.

Jerry Kornele, 124, Houston, and Lupe Esquiville, 122 Monterrey, Mexico, engaged in one of the best action fights we've seen in a long while. Kornele won a six round decision in a riotous and spirited battle that saw both nailed time and again with solid punches.

Neither wanted to give ground and these two little gamecocks had the crowd standing throughout yelling themselves hoarse. Kornele, who has a style reminiscent of the late Rocky Marciano, is one of the finest action fighters we have seen in quite some time. He is trained by well known pro Kenny Weldon who has done a magnificent job with The Fighting Leprochaun (Kornele's nickname). The diminutive but powerfully built Kornele upped his pro record to 12-1-1.

Chris Baxter, 160, Houston, outgunned Raul Aguirre, 154, San Antonio, in a brawling six rounder. It was another rockem-sockem pier-sixer. It was the 18-year old Baxter's fourth consecutive pro victory. Baxter's habit of spitting during a fight earned him the nickname of "Spittin'" Chris by the Houston Post's Ray Collins. The six round opener matched Lee Minor, 152, Houston, and Charles Cook, 155, Dallas, in a wild, wild six rounder. Cook was dropped three times for nine counts but kept getting up and almost turned the tide of battle on several occasions, but ran out of petrol in the fifth round. Minor, a balding veteran, has been a gym fighter for years with a handful of pro fights to his credit but he's a hard hitter with an above average left hook. Minor received the six round nod.

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THE BRITISH ISLES

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The view is that professional managers would seize the opportunity to invade the dressing-rooms and make overtures to amateur boxers to turn pro.

Again the fact is that if a professional manager wants to approach an amateur boxer in order to try and sign him on there are a million ways he can do so without having to waylay him in a dressing-room. He can write to him, telephone him, it's easy to find his address. And more often than not these days it's the amateur who finds the manager.

I am confident that the British Boxing Board of Control would be willing to try a mixed am-pro bill for an experimental period, and it might well be an idea for the Amateur Boxing Association to consider. I don't think there would be any problem in different sets of officials looking after the amateur and professional contests.

Possibly at first the situation would seem confused. But surely not for long, and it could well make for a better relationship between the two controlling bodies.

At the moment the age an amateur can turn pro is 18. It used to be 17. I do not think it would serve any useful purpose to have it raised to 19. Youngsters mature much more quickly than they used to do, so I'm in favor of not altering this rule.

There have been occasions when the amateurs have been permitted by their controlling body to train with professionals in professional gyms. The British Boxing Board of Control always invite the team selected for major events like the Olympics to train with top pros, and in recent years the A.B.A. have accepted. This is a good thing and could lessen the tension between the two bodies.

The London A.B.A. seem willing to liase with the professional body on a number of points, and it is hoped that this will continue, and that the liaison will increase. But a good deal of give-and-take is needed before this situation is resolved to everyone's satisfaction, and throughout the whole of the Amateur Boxing Association.

Summing up, agreement on the following points could do a lot towards making this possible:

(a) Amateurs to turn professional only once annually, suggest January 1.

(b) Amateurs and professionals to box on the same bill.

(c) Regular monthly meetings between the B.B.B. of C. and the A.B.A. to discuss problems and ways of overcoming them.

Although it may seem the ideal solution, I am not in favor of one body to govern the amateur and professional codes. The present system is fine just as long as the two controlling bodies get together.

▲Kevin Finnegan, who caused such a sensation by beating Jean Claude Bouttier to annex the European middleweight title, has decided to give up his British title which he held for just six months.

He will concentrate on his world title aspirations, also the defense of his European crown, his next opponent for this title being Frenchman Gratien Tonna.

Alan Minter, who could meet former champion Bunny Sterling for the vacant crown, was recently married to Lorraine Bidwell, daughter of Alan's manager Doug Bidwell. Nothing like keeping it in the family.

Disregard anything you may have read about the retirement of Scottish middleweight champion Don McMillan. The 35-year-old Don will continue to box under the management of Al Phillips, and is looking forward to defending his crown probably against Henry Cooper of Larkhall, in Glasgow.

The nominations of three British boxers have been rejected by the European Boxing Union. Light welter Pat McCormack, lightweight Jim Watt and featherweight Evan Armstrong must all apply again.

Instead the EBU have selected light welter Piero Ceru of Italy, lightweight Leonard Tavarez of France and feather Elio Cotena of Italy.

Tavarez was stopped in nine by Watt. Nuff said!

The Buchanans may have solved a family problem. Ken is the current British and European lightweight champ, younger brother Alan is Scottish lightweight titleholder.

Now Alan may go down to featherweight. At the moment he scales around 130 pounds. He has lost only one of 13 bouts.

A new gym has just been opened at the Marquis of Granby, Reading, by promoter-manager Bev Walker, who runs regular shows in that town. This should stir up local interest, and an added advantage is that it's not too far from London.

Howard Hayes of Doncaster, who hasn't boxed since May 1973, is to fight again, this time under the management of Sam Burns. Hayes was stopped on cuts when he met Evan Armstrong for the British title in April 1972.

European heavyweight champion Joe Bugner has just paid for 16 young London Federation of Boys' Clubs champions to go on a coaching trip to Holland. Joe stayed with them at the Dutch National Sports Centre, Papendal, near Arnhem. The party trained under Joe and ABA coaches Kurt Ernest and Dennis Wreford.

▲Manor Place Baths, Walworth, London — Jamaican Des Morrison, a member of the Andy Smith stable at St. Ives, 144, kept his Southern Area welterweight title by stopping Steve Angell, Hemel Hempstead, 146, in the eighth.

Angell sustained a cut eye and right cheekbone, plus facial swellings, and with the eye completely closed referee Roland Dakin intervened.

Thus ended Angell's unbeaten record after 14 successive victories, but he had shown enough to prove that he is worthy of a place in the British ratings.

Angell started confidently enough, took the opening session with southpaw right jabs and accurate left hooks, mainly to the body. He may have got over-confident at his early success, for as he came forward early in the second Morrison caught him with a hard right that put him on the canvas.

He jumped up immediately, perhaps a little unwisely, only for Morrison to come into the attack and follow up his advantage with more right hooks, and Angell seemed in trouble as the bell came to his rescue.

It was punch for punch in the third, an all-action round, with Angell coming right back, and showing no signs of his knockdown.

In the following session Angell's right cheek started to swell and by the sixth he was cut around the eye, and forced on the defensive in an effort to protect his injuries.

Morrison wasn't slow to appreciate the position, and waded in to try and stop his man. But Angell is made of stern stuff, and the champion had to take a few hefty blows in his efforts to get close.

However, there is a limit to what a handicapped boxer can accomplish, and at the end of the seventh referee Dakin examined the injury, deciding to give Angell at least another round as long as the injury didn't worsen.

In the eighth it did, and with Angell unable to see at all from one eye, and Morrison punching away merrily with lefts and rights, the bout was stopped.

A cracking contest, but there is unlikely to be a return, as Morrison's manager Andy Smith stated that Des will now box as a light-welterweight. He held the British crown at this poundage until last March, when he was kayoed by Pat McCormack.

Nobbins were tossed into the ring after a fine six-rounds draw between Mick Hampston, Lewisham, 146, and Keith Bundy, Southampton, 140.

A particularly good display by Bundy, having his first professional fight, who opened quietly but rallied in fine style in the latter part of the bout.

Hampston's best work came in the early rounds, but his right eye was cut in the sixth, and every round was a hectic affair with little regard paid to defenses.

Mick Evans, Bournemouth, 156½, beat Augustus Sims, Brixton, 165, who was ruled out for alleged butting in the fifth. Previously both men had been sent to their corners and censured, whereupon referee Doug Jenkins then told them to box on. Just after came the incident that caused the disqualification.

Albert Hillman, Penge, 146¾, outscored Alan Jones, Merthyr, 140½, over six "twos" by 60-58½. Hillman was always in control.

Tony La Cruz, Brixton, 159, outpointed Mick Lock, Croydon, 161, by 59½-59 over six. Lock dominated the early stages, but La Cruz's left-hand work eventually brought him a narrow win.

Wolverhampton middleweight Peter Mullens was declared unfit to box after being involved in a car accident on his way to London, so his bout against Alec Tompkins could not take place.

Promoter Paddy Byrne's show was the first of the London season, and its obvious success augurs well for the future.

▲Liverpool Stadium — Joey Singleton, Liverpool, knocked out Jim Melrose, Glasgow, in the second round of their final eliminator for the British light-welterweight title.

Dave Davies, Bangor, drew with Tim McHugh, Birkenhead, over eight (light middle).

Al Stewart, Burscough, outpointed Jim Montague, Belfast, over eight (light welter).

Jimmy Killeen, Liverpool, outpointed Frank Wagstaff, Bedford, over six (bantam).

Gordon Kirk, Kirkby, outpointed Paddy McAleese, Bedford, over six (light welter).

CAULIFLOWER CLUB ALSO HAS A GREAT BIG HEART

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We informed Lou we have a neighbor he might know — big Pat Comiskey.

"Yeah," Lou said, cheerfully. "I beat him in the Garden. Say hello to him." Fighters always remember faces from the places of battle.

Everyone was having a good time and you could hear certain inescapable phrases despite the din. . ."He would have been a beautiful fighter if he trained". . ."Clay couldn't have beaten Louis the best day he ever had". . ."I saw Jack in New York last month and he looks great. . ."

And Marshall Wright was concerned about Archie Moore's youth group in San Diego. "Archie's having some problems down there," he said, "and the club is planning a show to help him."

One thing about this society. They always help you when you're down. They know what it's like to land hard.

The cauliflower ear may be the symbol, but it could just as easily be a heart.

READ THE RING

CANTO VICTOR, POOL IS STOPPED

By EDUARDO AMER G.

Mexico, D.F. — Miguel Canto, 111, fought an excellent fight and won a decision from Alberto "Costeno" Morales, 111, in ten rounds.

Canto, the kid from Yucatan, ready for a return match with Betulio Gonzalez in the near future. Ignacio Espinal, 111, of the Dominican Republic, stopped Vicente Pool, 113, in seven. Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 113, halted Juan Zarate, 112, in four. Mariano Garma, 110, and Juvenal Casillas, 111, drew in 6. Emeterio Garcia, 110, bested Fermin Vega, 110, in 4.

▲Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — Ruben Olivares, WBA featherweight champion, 126, TKO'ed Enrique Garcia, 127, in five. Clemente Sanchez, 135, TKO'ed Isaac Marin, 134, of Costa Rica, in three. Alfonso Zamora, 119, iced Adriano Zapanta, 119, of Philippines, in one. Alex Mollado, 136, embalmed Juan Manuel Ursua, 135, in two. Valente Ramos, 123, whipped Alfonso Alvarez, 123, in 8.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Rodolfo "Gato" Gonzalez, 137, TKO'ed Clemente Mucino, 137, in 3. Adelaido Galindo, 127, KO'ed Jose Angel Lugo, 128, in 4. Rene "Mochila" Morgan, 129, TKO'ed Rafael "Pollo" Lopez, 129, in 3. Memim Becerra, 117, beat Artemio Jeronimo, 117, in 10. Raul Pacheco, 112, TKO'ed Ramon de Aguinaga, 111, in nine.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Juan Jose Guzman, 112, decisioned Manuel "Cochul" Montiel, 112, in ten.

▲Salinas, Coahuila — Manuel Elizondo, 159, kayoed Manuel Fierro, 159, in two and retained Mexican middleweight title. Jesus "Mortero" Alonso, 130, TKO'ed Francisco Tapia, 128, in four. Martin Corona, 117, bested Antonio "Zurdo" Fuentes, 117, in ten. "Estudiante" Ramirez, 134, TKO'ed Antonio Leyva, 136, in 4.

▲Los Mochis, Sinaloa — Jose Luis Soto, 119, won by disqualification over Carlos Mendoza, 118, of Panama, in four. Mario Luna, 145, knocked out Manny Marquez, 147, in 4.

▲Mexico, D.F. — Leoncio Ortiz, 133, Mexican lightweight king, TKO'ed Jose Petterson, 134, of Puerto Rico, in five. Antonio Leon, 116, TKO'ed Alberto Cabanic, 114, of Philippines, in six.

▲Mexico, D.F. — German Coello, 133, of Dominican Republic, stopped Jose Luis Hernandez, 134, in 7. Lupe Galindo, 134, and Armando Varela, 134, technically drew in eight. Fili Moreno, 123, lost to Alejandro Ronderos, 123, in 6. Anatolio Ramirez, 134, defeated Eleazar Montes, 134, in 6. Jose Mendez, 135, TKO'ed Jose Luis Palacios, 134, in four.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Juan Pablo Oropeza, 134, TKO'ed Jose Angel Medina, 134, in 6. Fernando Martinez, 127, TKO'ed Alfredo Carranza, 128, in 9.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Juan Rodriguez, 134, beat Raul "Zurdo" Molina, 135, in ten. Pedro Dominguez, 133, KO'ed Felix Mendez, 133, in 7.

▲Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas — "Zurdo" Espinosa, 124, decisioned Ismael Morales, 125, in ten.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Francisco Sanchez, 125, won over Al Torres, 125, in 10. Julio Leal, 122, TKO'ed Antonio "Gallina" Enriquez, 120, in five.

▲Mexico, D.F. — Jose "Pipino" Cuevas, 144, demolished Jose Luis "Tractor" Pena, 145, in the very first round. Francisco Solorio, 135, whipped Jose Luis Hernandez, 134, in 8. Nicolas Uribe, 116, gained Ezequiel Aguilar, 117, in 6. Laurentino Nunez, 116, beat Ruben Vega, 116, in 6. Esteban Soto, 123, defeated Fidencio Gonzalez, 124, in four.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Vicente "Yambito" Blanco, 125, of Nicaragua, won as he pleased from Jesus "Papelero" Estrada, 125, Mexican featherweight champion, but was disqualified because his manager was inside the ropes before the verdict was known. So, poor "Yambito" lost a fight he had won. . .Fernando "Oso" Vazquez, 111, stopped Nicolas "Remolino" Rivera, 111, in five. Alfonso Ibarra, 124, gained "Torero" Bracamontes, 124, in ten. Carlos Walter Brain, 117, of Panama, nailed Humberto Alcala, 119, in 8. Jorge Carrasco, 118, TKO'ed Memo Ramirez, 119, in six.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Angel Javier Medel, 134, decisioned Gaby Reynoso, 134, in ten. Nacho Zavaleta, 127, TKO'ed Rogelio Lara Picazo, 129, in four.

▲Mexico, D.F. — Felipe Vaca, 146, outpointed Ernesto Caballero, 146, in ten. Victor Ramirez, 118, bested Jose Sanchez, 118, in 10. Chucho Cedeno, 126, kayoed Salvador Medina, 126, in four.

▲Valladolid, Yucatan — Baby Lopez, 117, outscored Luis "Black" Garcia, 116, in ten. Freddie Castillo, 111, stopped Joe Mendoza, 112, in seven.

▲Tapachula, Chiapas — Panchito Calderon, 116, KO'ed Jose Manuel "Negro" Perez, 117, in 6. Panchito Mendoza, 134, TKO'ed Miguel Benitez, 134, in five.

▲Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas — "Mosco" Gonzalez, 110, halted "Zurdo" Nucamendi, 110, in 4. Alex Lopez, 112, TKO'ed Candelario de la Cruz, 112, in three. Jose Luis Cruz, 134, outpointed Rosenberg Macias, 134, in 10.

▲Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila — Saul Montana, 124, stopped Tony Larra, 124, in 3.

▲Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua — Juan Zamora, 121, TKO'ed Juan "Ranita" Robles, 123, in 4. Earl Large, 122, of USA, TKO'ed Edel Borunda, 124, in two. Jose Luis Navarrete, 119, beat Santos Gallardo, 118, in 10.

▲Mexico, D.F. — Arturo Delgado, 111, TKO'ed Francisco Nunez, 112, in nine. Lupe Pintor, 111, won from Salvador "Xhino" Martinez, 111, 10. Sergio Lozano, 149, TKO'ed Armando "Aleman" Alatorre, 144, in six. Fili Moreno, 116, whipped Isidro "El Arabe" Ocampo, 117, in 6.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Leo "cuervo" Palacios, 112, TKO'ed Feliciano Penalosa, 112, in 2. Victor Banos, 123, TKO'ed Juan Herrera, 124, in two. Mario Gatica, 111, iced Ricardo Flores, 111, in one.

▲Tapachula, Chiapas — Jose Figueroa, 146, TKO'ed "Sugar" Sanders, 145, of Nicaragua, in two. Manny Gomez, 124, and Rafael Varela, 124, drew in ten.

▲Puebla — Daniel Hernandez, 117, TKO'ed Pedro Aparicio, 117, in five.

▲Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas — Simeon "Hielero" Morales, 116, TKO'ed Cheche Montero, 115, in 3. Uberclein Moreno, 117, TKO'ed Roque Sanchez, 117, in three.

▲Tijuana, Baja California — Goyo Vargas, 125, TKO'ed Valento Vera, 125, in seven. Omar Chavez, 150, TKO'ed Adolfo "Mosco" Hernandez, 154, in 3. Memo Montano, 134, bested Rogelio Castaneda, 135, in eight.

▲Merida, Yucatan — Tony Cruz, 140, TKO'ed Adolfo Sanjeado, 134, in six. Freddie Castillo, 112, polished off "Ranchero" Hernandez, 112, in 3. Kid Valente, 118, stopped Jose Luis Martinez, 118, in seven. Carlos Mendez, 119, TKO'ed Jorge Portela, 119, in four. Antonio Cabrera, 109, decisioned Panchito Caamal, 109, in four.

▲Mexico, D.F. — Mario Chavez, 111, TKO'ed Velancio Carvente, 111, in 5. Felipe Gallegos, 118, outscored Angel Chi, 117, in 8.

▲Torreon, Coahuila — Ruben "Coneja" Ruiz, 129, TKO'ed Sigfrido Rodriguez, 130, in nine. Jose Angel Cazares, 111, halted Luis Carlos Heredia, 112, in four. Vicente Mijares, 116, kayoed Santos Sandoval, 115, in 3. Jesus Moreno, 111, lost to Rocky Mijares, 111, in 8.

▲Guadalajara, Jalisco — Abundio Cortes, 112, defeated Francisco "Trompo" Marquez, 112, in ten.

▲Acapulco, Guerrero — Emilio "Zurdo" Palacios, 117, KO'ed Severiano Mendoza, 117, in 3.

▲Monterrey, Nuevo Leon — Sergio Huerta, 123, stopped Jose Sanchez, 124, in 3. Hasael Gutierrez, 188, TKO'ed Jesus Sanchez, 185, in eight.

ALONG THE VBA TRAIL

By SCOOP GALLELLO

IVBA PRESIDENT

Aaron Seltzer. . .featherweight of the early 1940's, is employed as a traffic manager for the H & H Bookbinding Company in Manhattan. Aaron, who was the 1935 Golden Gloves featherweight champion, boxed lou Salica, Joey Archibald, Willie Pep, Phil Terranova, Charles Cabey Lewis and Sal Bartola.

The IVBA Annual Convention takes place on Oct. 18-19-20 at the Lord Baltimore hotel in that city. Being honored are Supreme Court Judge John Sirica, a former pugilist, and former welterweight contender Chuck Davey. Entrants into the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame are Pete Galiano, Eddie Burnbrook and Buster Brown. The amateur entrants are Angelo Meola and Izzy Caplan. For reservations contact host Ring #101 Prexy Vince Cala at 831 S. Milton Ave., Baltimore, Md. 21224.

Rome, N.Y. . .is the newest entrant into the International Veteran Boxers Association, being granted Ring number 104. Former leather slinger Tony Storace is the prexy of this group.

The first meeting of Ring #103 of Middlesex County, N.J. was held at Veterans Hall in South River, N.J. Attending were IVBA Secretary Irv Silverman, former flyweight king Corporal Izzy Schwartz, Steve Belloise, Babe Orlando, Mario Centi, Andy Daddio—who is the president of this group is former welter Charlie Fusari.

Ring #21. . .Brooklyn, with former lightheavy champ Paul Berlenbach at the helm, announces Sunday, December 1 as the date of its annual Dinner-Dance, to be held at Micali Terrace, 1521 86th Street, Brooklyn.

Ring #26. . .of Schenectady, N.Y. is honoring Tony Zale, Sammy Angott and Lou Ambers at its annual banquet on Saturday November 2. For tickets contact Ring #26 Secretary Tony Messina, RD. #1, Middle Grove, N.Y. 12850.

Pete Rademacher. . .who in his first pro bout boxed Floyd Patterson for the heavyweight championship of the world, has been appointed president of the Kiefer McNeil Company, who manufacture swimming pools.

Mickey Walker. . .the former great "Toy Bulldog" is recuperating in the Perth Amboy Nursing Home in that area. Any fan desiring to assist this former champion by purchasing a raffle ticket on a TV set, contact this corner at 94 Crescent Ave., New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801.

Mrs. Helen Merolle. . .cousin to the former fistic gem from Mamaroneck N.Y. Pete De Ruza, made a generous contribution to the Mickey Walker Fund in memory of Mrs. Anna Aloisa, who was the mother in law of Pete De Ruzza.

A sincere and humble "thank you" to all those friends who have taken the time to attend the funeral of my dearly departed father Marcello Gallello. The family appreciates the many letters, telegrams, flowers and Mass cards sent in memory of a fine gentleman, and an avid boxing fan.

Emile Guist. . .veteran boxer from Ring #8 of N.Y.C. recently had a "pacemaker" installed at Booth Memorial Hospital in Flushing, N.Y. Stop in and wish Emile good health at his Bar at 135 Loremer St., Brooklyn.

Sympathy to former double champ Carmine Basilio on the passing of his father.

Lulu Perez. . .who defeated some of the best men in his division, including the great Willie Pep, has joined IVBA Ring #30 of Westchester.

Jackie Lotz. . .former good lightweight out of Yonkers, N.Y. recently opened a bar and restaurant aptly named "Jackie's Lounge" in that area. Lotz is also a referee on the staff of the N.Y. Commission.

Frankie Ryff. . .former lightweight contender, has penned a book titled, "God Is In My Corner", due for release this winter.

Rocky Rossano. . .welterweight contender who was in there against Kid Gavilan and Billy Graham, recently lost his uncle Charles Wassman. Rocky's grandmother Elizabeth Wassman recently celebrated her 101st birthday.

Charlie Wallace and Jack Aritinnes. . .two brother ringsters from IVBA Ring #25 of New Jersey are on a combination vacation and goodwill tour in Hawaii visiting our brother ring group #50.

Clarence "Champ" Snell. . .prexy of Ring #102 of Paterson, N.J. has organized a bowling league for juniors under 15 years of age. Coaching will be by ring #102 member George McCarthy, while the champ himself will give the young hopefuls bowling lessons.

Boxing cartoonist and artist Walter Galli passed away recently.

Bob Edgett. . .brought in a strong squad of junior leather slingers to face an equally powerful array of sluggers from the barn of Bob Cremins of Pelham, N.Y. Edgett motored all the way in from Dorchester, Canada. At the end of festivities, and closely contested bouts, Cremins' crew came out on top 7 bouts to 5. Veteran boxers handled the judging and refereeing chores. Judging were Tony Castallano, Bill Carrozza and Jack Lotz. Handling the third man in the ring chores were Picles Hynes who a couple of years ago was elected into the Westchester County Boxing Hall of Fame, and Tony Balash. Lotz, Hynes, Corrozza and Balash are all members of IVBA Ring #30.

Barbara Marciano. . .widow of former Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano, passed away from a serious illness at age 46. A High Mass at St. Clemmens Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, was delivered with a number of former boxers attending.

Ring #8. . .of New York is holding its annual banquet at the Carlisle on Avenue "D" in Brooklyn, N.Y. on Feb. 16, 1975.

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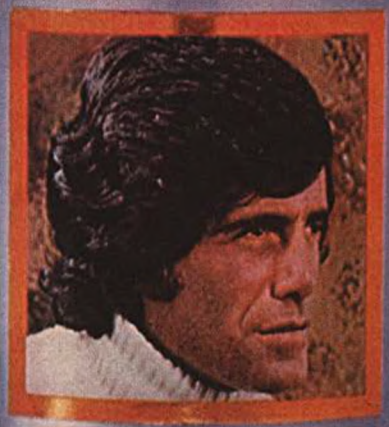

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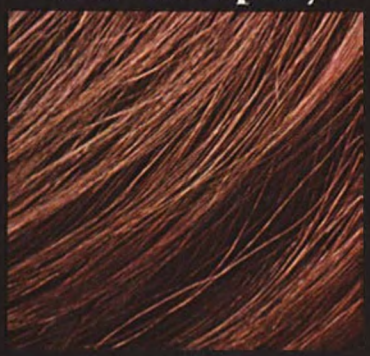

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